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Tourism chief to resign in wake of scandal

Fallout goes on from Sir Gary Verity’s departure

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WELCOME TO Yorkshire’s chairman is due to resign from the tourism agency tomorrow as the fallout from ex-chief executive Sir Gary Verity’s scandal-hit departure continues, *The Yorkshire Post* can reveal.

It is understood Ron McMillan, a former senior partner at PriceWaterhouseCoopers, is expected to tender his resignation at a board meeting tomorrow afternoon, when more information is also expected to be revealed about the details of two independent investigations into Sir Gary’s expense claims and conduct towards staff.

Mr McMillan, who has been at the agency since 2015 after previously running PWC’s Leeds office, has come under increasing pressure for his handling of the circumstances of Sir Gary’s departure after the ex-chief executive resigned on health grounds on March 22. Sir Gary is reported to have paid back about £40,000 after making “errors of judgement” with expense claims.

Calls for the chairman’s resignation had been made by Sheffield peer Lord Scriven and last week a group of council leaders who have provided millions in funding through the Leeds City Region business rates pool wrote an open letter to Mr McMillan. It expressed unhappiness with the “lack of pace” in setting up the reviews and demanded “rapid changes in governance” to continuing their long-term funding of the tourism agency.

Wakefield Council leader Peter Box said last night that his local authority would not agree to future funding for the Leeds-based tourism agency being provided by the business rates pool until Mr McMillan “steps aside”.

Transparency pledge given

RON MCMILLAN said last week that “a new leadership culture with greater transparency, accountability and governance” was urgently needed at Welcome to Yorkshire.

The organisation is a private company but receives about half of its annual £4m income from the public sector. The Leeds City Region business rates pool alone has provided £2.7m in the past three years.

His comments followed calls being made for the organisation to make its board meetings public and publish details of spending of over £250 in the same way that is required of councils in the wake of Sir Gary Verity’s departure.

It was set to become the third Yorkshire council in recent weeks to withhold funding after Sheffield and Hull. But *The Yorkshire Post* understands that Mr McMillan’s decision to resign had been made prior to Coun Box’s comments.

Coun Box said: “I want to make it very clear that Ron McMillan does not have Wakefield’s support in taking forward the new leadership culture which is clearly needed at Welcome to Yorkshire. I firmly believe that any new leadership needs to start with change at the top.

“The lack of urgency surrounding the independent review and the fact that there is still no action plan in place to move the organisation towards strengthened transparency and accountability is not only frustrating but gives cause for significant concern.”

Mr McMillan and Welcome to Yorkshire declined to comment.



DEVASTATION: Debris inside the Notre-Dame-de Paris Cathedral in Paris the day after a fire that devastated the building in the centre of the French capital.

PICTURE: GETTY IMAGES

Archbishops want bells to toll in sympathy

THE ARCHBISHOPS of York and Canterbury have called on churches and cathedrals across England to toll a bell for seven minutes at 7pm tomorrow, as a mark of solidarity with Paris, following the devastating blaze at Notre-Dame Cathedral.

Dr John Sentamu and Justin

Welby said the initiative had been suggested by the British Ambassador to France, Edward Llewellyn.

As the shockwaves from France spread around the world, the Queen – whose beloved Windsor Castle was ravaged by fire in 1992 – said her thoughts

and prayers were with those who worship at the landmark and “all of France at this difficult time”.

The Prince of Wales said he and the Duchess of Cornwall were “utterly heartbroken” and described the events as a “shattering tragedy, the unbearable pain of we all share”.

Charles told Mr Macron that the experience of the fire at Windsor meant “our hearts go out to you and the people of France more than you can ever know.”

In an emotional message to the president, the Prince, a passionate supporter of heritage

restoration, wrote: “I realise only too well what a truly special significance the cathedral holds at the heart of your nation, but also for us all outside France it represents one of the greatest architectural achievements of western civilisation.”

World rallies: Page 5.

Tusk ‘dreams’ that Brexit can be reversed

EUROPEAN COUNCIL President Donald Tusk has said he still dreams of Brexit being reversed after the UK’s departure from the EU was delayed until October 31.

Speaking in Strasbourg, the EU chief said he disagreed with one of the bloc’s premiers who had said the EU should abandon hope of the UK reversing its decision to leave.

“During the European Council one of the leaders warned us not to be dreamers, and that we shouldn’t think that Brexit could be reversed,” he said.

“I would like to say: at this rather difficult moment in our history, we need dreamers and dreams.

“We cannot give in to fatalism. At least I will not stop dreaming about a better and united Europe.”

Mr Tusk added that the UK would continue to be represented in the European Parliament for “several months – maybe longer.”
No gain for EU: Page 4.

Corbyn unveils plans to end Sats exams for primary school pupils

JEREMY CORBYN was last night accused by a Tory Minister of planning to “keep parents in the dark” over their children’s schooling as he announced proposals to abolish primary school ‘Sats’ exams.

Speaking at the National Education Union (NEU) Conference in Liverpool yesterday, the Labour leader set out plans to scrap the “regime of extreme pressure testing”.

Labour said the policy would relieve pressure on a schools system forced to cope with overcrowded classrooms, and an ongoing crisis in teacher recruitment and retention.

But Conservative Schools Minister Nick Gibb said abolishing the tests would be a “terrible, retrograde step” which would “enormously damage our education system, and undo decades of improvement in children’s reading and maths”.

It comes as a survey by the NEU



JEREMY CORBYN: Said Labour would end ‘the regime of extreme pressure testing’.

today reveals that four in five teachers have seen an increase in student mental health problems, with one saying nine-year-olds are talking about suicide.

The poll suggested 83 per cent of teaching staff saw a rise in the past two years. Seven per cent said they had not noticed a change, and 11 per cent could not be sure. In his speech yesterday,

Mr Corbyn said: “We need to prepare children for life, not just for exams.

“Sats and the regime of extreme pressure testing are giving young children nightmares and leaving them in floods of tears.

“I meet teachers of all ages and backgrounds who are totally overworked and overstressed. These are dedicated public servants. It’s just wrong.”

Primary schoolchildren undertake national tests and teacher assessments in English, maths and science at the end of Year 2 when aged six to seven, and national tests and teacher assessments in English and maths and teacher assessments in science at the end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6), aged 10 to 11.

Last year the Government announced that Key Stage 1 Sats would be replaced with a new baseline assessment in reception beginning in 2020.

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Arts ‘worth more to UK economy than agriculture’

IT CONTRIBUTES more to the UK than agriculture – and now the arts sector has been hailed as “the future” of Britain’s economy.

A new report for Arts Council England says the arts and culture sector added £10.8bn to the economy in 2016, more than agriculture and some areas of manufacturing. Arts Council England’s chairman Sir Nicholas Serota has called for greater funding for the growing industry, claiming the sector is essential and “represents the future”.

Any other industry, he said, would have guaranteed investment after this success, and he called for greater funding to embrace a new-look economy, with the arts more vital than ever as Britain heads into a post-Brexit world.

He said: “Traditionally people have tended to think of the arts as nice to have. What this report shows is that the arts are an essential part of the British economy. The cultural industries are more important than agriculture in terms of jobs, and in terms of output. It’s a changing society, a changing economy – this represents the future.

“Further investment, public investment, would be repaid enormously. We’ve seen a standstill in central government funding for the arts since 2010. I would like to see a significant uplift in the next spending review.”

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School closure ‘not in secret scheme’

EDUCATION: The leader of financially-strapped North Yorkshire County Council has dismissed claims that the closure of village schools has been part of a secret money-saving scheme.

Councillor Carl Les defended the authority after its executive approved steps to close Arkengarthdale Primary School.

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Fresh inquest into killing of girl, 14

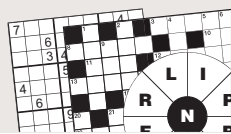
COURT: The family of a murdered schoolgirl say a “piece of history” has been made after the High Court ruled there must be a fresh inquest into her killing.

No-one was ever successfully prosecuted for the murder of Elsie Frost, who was stabbed to death on her way home from her sister’s house in Wakefield, on October 9, 1965.

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Agricultural shows ‘best way to connect’

FARMING: Agricultural shows are the best way for farmers to connect with the public, despite the rise of social media, and the industry cannot afford to lose them, according to the show director of the Yorkshire Agricultural Society.

Tickets are now on sale for the 161st Great Yorkshire Show in Harrogate this July.

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Red meat bowel cancer warning

HEALTH: Even moderate amounts of ham, bacon and red meat are linked to bowel cancer, according to new research which found the health risks are greater than previously thought.

People who stick to NHS guidelines on red and processed meat consumption still increase their risk of bowel cancer by a fifth, a study found.

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Closure of small schools ‘not part of secret scheme to save money’

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THE LEADER of financially-strapped North Yorkshire County Council has dismissed claims that the closure of village schools has been part of a secret money-saving scheme.

Councillor Carl Les defended the authority after its executive approved steps to close the 360-year-old Arkengarthdale Primary School in the Yorkshire Dales after pupil numbers fell to five. Its members said they were dismayed by the loss of another small, rural school.

While there were more than 170 primary schools in the coun-

ty in 2004 with fewer than 100 pupils, the council now oversees about 110 small schools.

Alongside the closure of the 12-pupil school at Horton-in-Ribblesdale in July 2017, six other school gates have been closed for the final time.

These were located in Drax, Rathmell, Ingleby Arncliffe, Skipton Ings, Swainby and Potto and Burnt Yates.

A cloud of uncertainty also hangs over the future of West Burton School.

The closures have been greeted with alarm by community leaders, particularly in national parks, where the presence of a school is seen as key to retaining families in the community.

The move towards the closure of Arkengarthdale comes just two weeks after the council's chief executive, Richard Flinton, highlighted the authority had "serious concerns" over the financial position of some rural schools.

He said: "There are no alternatives for these areas.

"We cannot afford for these schools to close because of the sheer distances pupils would have to travel."

Coun Les told the executive that the authority had been accused of trying to claw back money by closing small schools.

He said small schools continued to be very good places for learning as long as they had more than about 20 pupils.

Coun Les said: "It is a very sad day when we have to approve a consultation about a school closure.

"We don't do this lightly, but the numbers of children at Arkengarthdale have fallen to such a level that the school is no longer viable and it certainly isn't providing a quality education.

"It's better to close that school

and move the children to another one.

"Fortunately, there is a school only 3.7 miles away, so it isn't a huge distance that people have to travel."

To help maintain smaller schools, the authority sets aside some schools block funding to support good or outstanding schools with falling rolls, where planning data shows that the surplus places will be needed within the next three financial years.

Coun Lessaid despite this there continued to be "a misconception that there is in the community that we have a programme of closure of small schools".

He added: "The county council does not have a programme of

closure, it actually costs us money when a school is closed so we are certainly not doing it for financial reasons.

"We only consider the closure of a school at the request of the governing body."

Coun Les was also asked if small schools were still financially viable.

He said: "They have their financial challenges and we have been making representations to Government for some time now saying there needs to be a core fund that gets put into a school to allow it to operate irrespective of the numbers, because the funding is driven by the numbers attending an educational establishment."

Corbyn in vow to end primary school Sats

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Mr Corbyn also announced yesterday that the next Labour government will scrap baseline assessments for reception classes.

He said Labour would consult parents and teachers on an alternative that "prepares children for life, not just for exams".

Mr Gibb condemned the plan to end school testing, saying: "These tests have been part of school life since the '90s. They have been pivotal in raising standards in our primary schools. That's why Labour governments led by Tony Blair and Gordon Brown supported them."

"Abolishing these tests would be a terrible, retrograde step. It would enormously damage our education system, and undo decades of improvement in children's reading and maths. Labour plan to keep parents in the dark.

"They will prevent parents from knowing how good their child's school is at teaching maths, reading and writing. Under Labour, the government would simply give up on ensuring all our children can read and write by the age of 11."

But Dr Mary Bousted, joint general secretary of the NEU, said: "Jeremy Corbyn gets it – he recognises the damage that a test-driven system is doing to children and schools; he understands what needs to change; he sets out ideas for education which will make sense to parents and teachers."

Some of those questioned as part of the NEU survey said student mental health was at a "crisis point", with others saying it was affecting "younger and younger children".

The staff were also asked whether their workplace had the provision for supporting pupils with mental health issues.

The majority of teachers (59 per cent) said they had learning support assistants, 49 per cent said they had a school counsellor.



FLYING HIGH

Six-year-old Zack Roberts flies his kite at the South Bay in Scarborough yesterday. The forecast for the rest of the week is for warmer weather than the recent cold snap with only a slight chance of rain, with Saturday due to see temperatures of up to 21C.

PICTURE: SIMON HULME

GPS ‘could help dementia patients’

GPS COULD begin prescribing tailored technology to dementia patients to help them live at home for longer, scientists say.

A new £20m research centre at Imperial College London will develop low-cost tools to better manage the condition outside of hospitals and care homes.

Sensors which monitor activity, devices which track vital signs and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to detect changes in behaviour are among the approaches being ex-

plored. The vision is to create a "dementia-friendly" home which continually assesses a patient's wellbeing.

Those behind the project believe it could cut hospital admissions from preventable illnesses and falls by alerting healthcare workers to anything of concern as early as possible.

Professor David Sharp, head of the new centre, said doctors could begin offering such technology to patients within the next decade,

following further research. "The GP might have a dashboard of different apps or different ways of engaging with people that they select, and then give a personalised package of apps that are particularly relevant to individuals," he said.

"I think we are not that far away from having that level of electronic engagement."

Around 850,000 people in the UK are living with dementia, with the number expected to rise to

one million by 2025. An estimated one in four hospital beds are occupied by people with dementia and 20 per cent of these admissions are preventable, the researchers said.

The new centre joins six others which together make up the UK Dementia Research Institute.

The project, a collaboration with the University of Surrey, will be funded by the Medical Research Council, Alzheimer's Society and Alzheimer's Research UK.

Briefing

Mine security deal set to continue

DONCASTER: A council is to continue paying £150,000 a year to a firm to secure a derelict coal mine.

Hatfield Colliery is said to be a target for 'opportunistic thieves, adrenaline junkies and bikers'. The council pays £2,300 a week for security despite not owning the site. Doncaster Council says there are major risks on site.

Whistleblower award for Assange

AWARDS: WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has been given an award.

Assange, jailed last week after being removed from the Ecuadorian embassy in London, was awarded the 2019 GUE/NGL Award. It is established in 2018 by European politicians in honour of assassinated Maltese journalist Daphne Galizia.

Church wins fight for late-night drink

LEEDS: A historic church has won permission to serve alcohol in its community hall until after midnight.

The Greek Orthodox Church in Harehills applied to extend its licence to 12.30am each night. Locals residents warned such a licence could encourage "anarchy" but Leeds Council granted approval.

Export bar gives chance to raise £1.4m and save books for nation

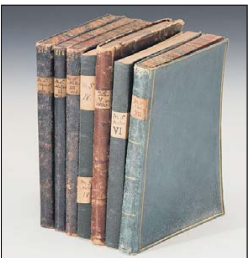
NOTEBOOKS BELONGING to Charles Darwin's mentor could be lost from the UK unless a buyer steps forward to meet the £1.4m price tag.

Arts Minister Michael Ellis has put a temporary export bar on the renowned Scottish geologist Sir Charles Lyell's archive to give buyers a chance to keep it in Britain.

Almost 300 notebooks and manuscripts containing transcribed correspondence with Darwin are part of the collection, along with notes for his printed works.

After Darwin returned from the Beagle voyage in 1836, Lyell – who is credited with laying the foundations for evolutionary biology by showing the Earth itself was shaped by the same scientific principles seen today – acted as his principal mentor.

Lyell's copies of letters sent to Darwin following the publication



SCIENCE TREASURES: Notebooks that belonged to geologist Sir Charles Lyell.

of *On The Origin of Species* in 1859 form part of the archive.

Mr Ellis said: "This archive reveals the workings of one of the most influential scientists of the last 200 years and provides us with an extraordinary insight into a time when science was changing long-held beliefs about the world.

"I hope a buyer can be found to keep the unique records of a British great in the country."

The decision on the export licence has been deferred to July 15 after a recommendation by the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art and Objects of Cultural Interest (RCEWA).

It may be extended to October 15.

Committee member Peter Barber said: "Charles Darwin once wrote that 'I always feel as if my books came half from Lyell's brains'.

"Lyell's notebooks and papers are perhaps the most important source of information not only on Lyell's own multifarious researches – including climate change as well as geology – but also on intellectual networking and networks in Victorian Britain and on numerous other, non-scientific as well as scientific, aspects of Victorian society."

AI software defeats top video gamers

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE software has beaten a human team of world champion professional video game players for the first time.

A team built and trained by research company OpenAI beat the current world champions of on-line battle game *Dota 2*, the sub-

ject of one of the world's largest 'esports' competitions.

The OpenAI Five team beat human team OG 2-0 at a live event in San Francisco.

It was the first time it achieved the feat in public, despite victories over other human teams behind closed doors.

OpenAI said the difference between defeat on that occasion and victory in the latest meeting was extra training

In a blog post, OpenAI said its new software had experienced the equivalent of "45,000 years of *Dota* self-play over 10 real-time months" to train for the match.

£14bn claim against Mastercard reopened by ruling

A £14BN damages claim brought against Mastercard on behalf of millions of UK consumers has been revived by a "landmark" ruling by the Court of Appeal.

The former financial ombudsman Walter Merricks is trying to bring legal action against the card giant on behalf of an estimated 46.2 million people.

He alleges that Mastercard's breaches of competition law, found by the European Commission in 2007, led to UK consumers paying higher prices on purchases.

Mr Merricks' proposed class action was thrown out in July 2017 by a specialist tribunal, which ruled it was "not suitable to be brought in collective proceedings".

But giving judgment in London, judges found that the Competition Appeal Tribunal (CAT) applied the wrong legal test in deciding on the claim. It will now have to be reconsidered by the CAT.

In a statement after the ruling Mr Merricks said: "It is nearly 12 years since Mastercard was clearly told that they had broken the law by imposing excessive card transaction charges, damaging consumers over a prolonged period.

"As a result we all had to pay higher prices in the shops than we should have done while Mastercard have pocketed the profits."

Mr Merricks' solicitor Boris Bronfenbrenner said: "Today is truly a landmark day for all UK consumers that Mr Merricks seeks to represent in a claim to recover the billions in damages caused to them by Mastercard's unlawful anti-competitive conduct."

A Mastercard spokeswoman said the company was seeking permission to appeal against the ruling to the Supreme Court.

She said in a statement: "Mastercard continues to disagree fundamentally with the basis of the claim and we believe UK consumers receive real value from the security, convenience and consumer protection of our payment services."

Bunton brushes off Spice Girls rift rumours

EMMA BUNTON has brushed off rumours of a rift between the Spice Girls following Leeds-born Melanie Brown's absence from rehearsals for their tour.

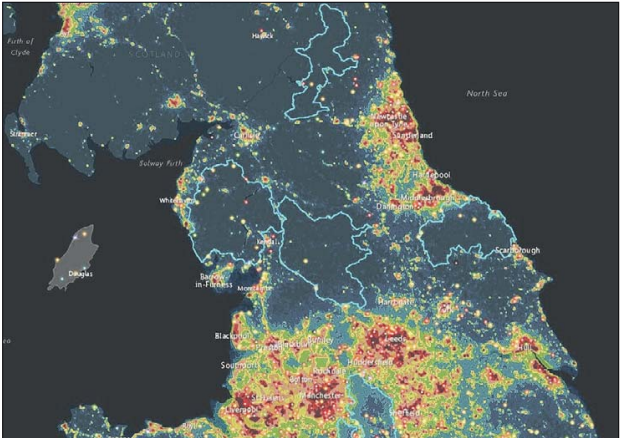
Brown did not join Bunton, Geri Horner and Melanie Chisholm for the first day of rehearsals on Monday, sparking speculation of a row between the group following Brown's recent claims that she previously had a one-night stand with Horner.

As her co-stars joined forces in a dance studio in London, Brown posted a picture on Instagram of herself in a bikini, seemingly taken in Los Angeles, where she lives. However, Bunton has said that Brown is rehearsing for the tour, but separately from the others due to previous commitments.

Bunton told ITV's *This Morning*: "Me, Geri and Mel C were there. Mel B is rehearsing in LA because she's still got commitments and her children, so she's rehearsing there, which is really funny."

"She learns the same steps as us... we were doing a bit of FaceTiming."

Light pollution creeps into even rural parts, but National Parks remain oases of darkness for stargazers



NATURAL WONDER: Star trails, such as those over Arthington viaduct in Wharfedale, left, are becoming harder for many to see due to light pollution, a survey for the Campaign to Protect Rural England suggests. MAIN PICTURE: BRUCE ROLLINSON



Black holes in Yorkshire's night sky

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ON A heat map of Northern England, they are as black as the sky itself.

The oceans of emptiness represented by the National Parks of the Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors are among the last places left in which, on a winter's night, outdoor types can look up and still see the heavens.

Across the rest of the region, and for more than half the population of England, light pollution has almost obliterated the stars, a cosmic census of the night sky has found.

Only two per cent of participants in a nationwide survey conducted in February were able to count more than 30 stars in what are termed "truly dark skies", while some 57 per cent struggled to see more than 10, according to the research by the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

The findings come as a long-term strategy produced by the North York Moors National Park proposes protection against light pollution and for defined "remote areas" more than 1km from the nearest main road.

People in urban and rural parts had been encouraged to count the number of stars they could see with the naked eye within the constellation of Orion, which is only visible in the winter months.

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The findings demonstrate that pollution affects "one of the countryside's most magical sights – a dark, starry night sky", campaigners said.

More could be done by Government, councils and the public to lessen the negative effects caused by artificial light from streets and buildings, the group added.

Emma Marrington, dark skies campaigner at the Campaign to Protect Rural England, said: "We're hugely grateful to the many people who



took the time to get out and take part in our star count.

"But it's deeply disappointing that the vast majority were unable to experience the natural wonder of a truly dark sky, blanketed with stars.

"Without intervention, our night sky will continue to be lost under a veil of artificial light, to the detriment of our own health, and the health of the natural world.

"The Star Count results show

just how far-reaching the glow from street lights and buildings can be seen.

"Light doesn't respect boundaries, and careless use can see it spread for miles from towns, cities, businesses and motorways, resulting in the loss of one of the countryside's most magical sights – a dark, starry night sky."

She suggested that better-designed lighting, street light dimming schemes and part-night lighting implemented in consultation with local communities and the police, could limit the damage caused by light pollution, reduce carbon emissions and save money.

Lighting ban

IN THE North York Moors, planners have proposed a ban on artificial external lighting in remote areas and in open countryside except where it is essential for safety.

The National Park's planning director, Chris France, inset, said: "Many children who have lived in cities don't actually see the stars in the Milky Way, and they come to the North York Moors and see a whole new wondrous environment.

"It is the essence of what national parks are about."

Britons spend £3,200 a year on holidays

HOLIDAYMAKERS typically spend over £3,000 annually on trips away, a survey has found.

Two-fifths of Brits also now take three or more "mini-breaks" or longer holidays every year, research from Co-op Insurance shows.

The average holidaymaker spends £3,216 on holidays and short breaks every year, with the majority of people (63 per cent) paying with savings.

More than a quarter (27 per cent) of 25 to 34-year-olds say they take five or more breaks every year.

Millennials are also more likely to spend more on their annual holidays – as those aged between 25 and 34 fork out an average of £3,729 a year on going away – over £500 more than the average annual spend.

The Co-op has warned people to make sure they are covered in case of illness or accident on their holidays after research revealed 44 per cent do not take out travel insurance. A quarter of those surveyed said they didn't take out insurance due to "not going away for long enough".

Tens of thousands stay up late for Game of Thrones episode

FOR THE most dedicated of fans, it needed to be an extremely late night – or a very early start.

But tens of thousands of *Game of Thrones* enthusiasts stayed up – or woke up – to watch the first transmission of the first episode of series eight live at 2am on Monday.

The episode was shown at the same time as it was broadcast for the first time in the US on HBO, giving the chance to see one of the most eagerly anticipated television events of the year.

A spokesman for Sky Atlantic confirmed yesterday that the first episode of the new series has already been watched by 3.4 million viewers.

Some 192,000 enthusiasts stayed up until the early hours of Monday to watch the first episode. That transmission has now been viewed by a total of 2.7 million fans in the UK who recorded the early broadcast or watched on demand, as well as those who tuned in live.

The episode aired for a second time at 9pm in the UK and that transmission has been watched by 698,000 people, including



PREMIERE: Kit Harington as Jon Snow and Emilia Clarke as Daenerys Targaryen in *Game of Thrones*. PICTURE: HBO VIA AP PHOTO

those who watched live in prime-time.

The figure is expected to increase significantly as more *Game Of Thrones* fans catch up on the series premiere on demand, through Sky + recordings and through repeats.

After the broadcast, fans in the UK said they were relieved they could "finally come out of hiding" after making it to the series eight debut without hearing any spoilers.

Many people tuning in to the

second showing said they had stayed off social media all day in case any of the programme's secrets were spilled before they could watch for themselves.

The six-episode finale will bring to a conclusion the saga of who will rule from the Iron Throne – almost two years after the end of the previous season.

Game Of Thrones is based on George RR Martin's series of fantasy novels, *A Song Of Ice And Fire*, and adapted for television by David Benioff and DB Weiss.

Briefing

Young brothers to walk marathon

CHARITY: Two young brothers will walk the London Marathon course to help the homeless.

Nicholas Harrison, eight, and Alex, six, will take on the 26.2 mile route on April 27, the day before the official race, to raise money for St Mungo's homeless charity.

Apint of learning for pub-goers

EDUCATION: Academics from universities in Sheffield, Leeds, Hull and York will take their findings to the pub as part of the Pint of Science festival.

Almost 400 cities world-wide will host events from May 20 to 22 to give pub-goers the chance to hear new ideas.

Skinner returns to Festival Fringe

SCOTLAND: Comedian Frank Skinner will return to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe this summer ahead of his new stand-up tour in the autumn.

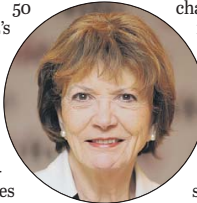
This year he will perform at the Gordon Aikman Theatre from July 31 until August 18.

Bafta honour for Baroness Bakewell

BARONESS JOAN Bakewell, one of the defining TV figures of the 1960s, will be honoured for her contribution to the medium with the Bafta Television Fellowship at the organisation's TV awards next month.

The broadcaster, 86, will be celebrated for a career spanning more than 50 years, from BBC2's first arts magazine, *Late Night Line-Up*, in which she acquired the soubriquet of the thinking man's fantasy, to *Heart Of The Matter* and the 2001 series *Taboo*, which played on her reputation by exploring taste, decency and censorship.

In her 2004 autobiography, *The Centre of the Bed*, Baroness Bakewell, inset, wrote of her experiences as a woman in the male-dominated media environment of the time, and of her seven-year affair with the playwright Harold Pinter, while he was married to the actress Vivien Merchant and she to the BBC's head of plays, Michael Bakewell.



She will receive special awards alongside producer Nicola Shindler and script supervisor Emma Thomas, and said she was "thrilled to see so many women nominated this year".

Baroness Bakewell added: "I have been a broadcaster for many decades now and seen major changes along the way, not least the advancement of women both on the screen and in many roles behind it."

Ms Shindler, whose Red Production Company is responsible shows such as *Queer As Folk*, *Clocking Off* and the Yorkshire police drama *Happy Valley*, said her goal had been to "make drama that I wanted to watch and that always challenged the audience as well as entertained".

She said: "I'm not done. I continue to be excited by new ideas every day, and I can't wait to see what the next 20 years brings."

Ms Thomas has worked on such shows as *Goodnight Sweetheart* and *Birds Of A Feather*.

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‘No gain’ for EU from no-deal Brexit

STRASBOURG SPEECH

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THE EU has “nothing to gain” from the disruption a no-deal Brexit would bring to the UK, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker has said.

The EU chief said the bloc had adopted the “necessary contingency measures”, but warned that only those who seek to undermine the global legal order would benefit from such an exit.

“We have adopted the necessary contingency measures and we are ready for a no-deal Brexit,” he told MEPs.



JEAN-CLAUDE JUNKER: Told MEPs the EU had contingency measures for a no-deal Brexit.

“But our union has nothing to gain from great disruption in the United Kingdom.

“The only ones who would benefit are those who resent

multilateralism and seek to undermine the global legal order.” Mr Juncker made the comments as he addressed the European Parliament in Strasbourg on last week’s European Council summit at which Theresa May was offered a six-month Brexit delay.

Donald Tusk, the Council President, said the extension until October 31 meant the UK was likely to hold European elections next month.

And he hinted that Brexit could be delayed further – or even reversed – as he said British MEPs may be members of the Parliament for more than several months.

Mr Tusk said: “One of the consequences of our decision is that

the UK will hold European elections next month. We should approach this seriously as UK members of the European Parliament will be there for several months – maybe longer.

“They will be full members of the Parliament with all the rights and obligations. I am speaking about this today because I have strongly opposed the idea that during this further extension the UK should be treated as a second category member state. No, it cannot.

“Therefore I also ask you to reject similar ideas if they were to be voiced in this House.”

Mr Tusk added that he still had “dreams” of Brexit being cancelled.

Also addressing MEPs, Euro-

pean Parliament Brexit Co-ordinator Guy Verhofstadt expressed his fear that Brexit will “poison” the European elections.

Referring to the latest delay, he

said: “I fear that it will continue the uncertainty.

“I fear that it will prolong the indecision.

“And I fear most of all that it

will import the Brexit mess into the European Union.

“And moreover that it will poison the upcoming European election.”

Brexit Party leader Nigel Farage told the European Parliament his party would “sweep the board” at the elections on May 23 – and would win a general election if Mrs May and Mr Corbyn agree to the “betrayal” of a permanent customs union.

In Westminster, cross-party talks between Labour and the Government continued.

Jeremy Corbyn said his party had demanded that any post-Brexit relationship must include a customs union, but he added: “The Government doesn’t appear to be shifting the red lines.”

Breakaway group fights elections

THE INDEPENDENT Group formed by breakaway ex-Labour and Tory MPs has become a fully fledged political party and will fight the European elections.

The new party, Change UK – The Independent Group, will stand on a pro-EU platform calling for a second referendum.

The party claims to have had more than 3,700 applications from people wanting to stand

as Change UK candidates in the March 23 poll and it has begun the process of shortlisting and interviewing potential MEPs.

Some 70 candidates will be fielded by the party after it completed the registration process with the Electoral Commission. But its proposed logo – the letters TIG with #Change underneath – was rejected by the watchdog.

‘Many will not vote because of Brexit’

ELECTIONS

A SERVING Yorkshire councillor has said some elected politicians are “afraid of getting hurt” while out canvassing for votes.

Speaking anonymously, the Wakefield councillor who has been helping party colleagues on the campaign trail ahead of next month’s local elections, said that the 2016 murder of Batley and Birstall MP Jo Cox was on the minds of some councillors.

It follows remarks made by a Wakefield Council officer on Monday that some candidates were reluctant to campaign in the current political climate, because they feared for their safety.

Vince Macklam said that the issue was one of the authority’s biggest concerns related to Brexit, while the Local Government Association said the “proliferation” of social media was partly to blame for the intimidation of people in public life.

And one councillor, whose seat is not being contested this year, said she had not been physically harmed or threatened, but feared it may be a possibility.

She said: “In the current climate we are all afraid, deep down, of getting hurt.

“After what happened to Jo Cox it is in people’s minds, especially when you’re a woman and you’re going out on your own.

“A lot of people have said to us they’re not going to vote at all because of Brexit. Trying to get through the message that Brexit is nothing to do with us is quite hard.

“We have had a couple of angry people waving leaflets at us and saying, “You’re rubbish,” but luckily it’s not been any nastier than that.”



HOPE AND GLORY: Patriotic flag-waving at the Last Night of the Proms, but organisers are hoping that politics will be played down this year.

PICTURE: CARL COURT/AFP

Proms climax ‘should not be political night’

CULTURE

THE LAST Night Of The Proms should not be a political occasion, the chief of the world-famous music festival has said, despite tensions over Brexit.

The programme for this year’s event has been announced and it includes the first ever Prom dedicated to hip-hop.

Other highlights include an evening dedicated to Nina

Simone, and a concert to mark the 50th anniversary of man landing on the moon.

Since the Brexit referendum, some concert-goers at the Last Night Of The Proms have shown their solidarity with the European Union by waving EU flags.

Asked whether this year’s finale, a traditionally patriotic occasion, will be a political hot potato, Proms director David

Pickard said: “I hope not. I want the Last Night not to be a political occasion but a musical occasion.

“It’s a time for letting your hair down, it’s a time to celebrate the end of this great festival and I don’t want it to be a political platform.

“In the end, I can only say, from the three or four years I’ve been doing this job, the Last Night Of The Proms, whatever the political tensions there might

be, has always been and always felt like a great celebration of music.”

The festival, based at the Royal Albert Hall and most famous for its classical music programme, will be featuring hip-hop with an orchestra. “There will be some breakdancing. There will also be some MC-ing and DJ-ing,” Pickard said.

“We felt that, with the huge popularity of a musical like

Hamilton, which is based around hip-hop, now is the time to tap into something that is a very important, popular form of music.”

He added: “It’s now quite an old...(music genre). It’s no longer the new thing. It’s part of our society.”

The Proms run from Friday July 19 to Saturday September 14. More info can be found at BBC.co.uk/proms.

POLITICS DIGEST

Briefing

MP takes on Whip’s office Royal role

GOVERNMENT: Calder Valley MP Craig Whittaker has taken on a more senior position in the Conservative party Whip’s office, which will involve regular interaction with the Queen.

The role of Vice Chamberlain of Her Majesty’s Household will involve writing to the monarch daily, relaying information between the Commons and the Palace and attending royal events including the Queen’s annual garden party.

£3.6m for bank chief ‘excessive’

BANKING: Royal Bank of Scotland investors have been urged to vote down chief executive Ross McEwan’s £3.6m pay packet, which has been branded “excessive”.

Shareholder advisory firm PIRC said elements of Mr McEwan’s pay award are “inappropriate”, and pointed to the fact he is paid 46 times more than the average bank employee.

Tube union in new dispute over jobs

TRANSPORT: London Underground is facing an increased threat of industrial action in separate disputes over pay and jobs.

The Rail, Maritime and Transport union has already rejected a pay offer but is now embroiled in a row over jobs.

The union accused Transport for London of launching a programme which it says aims to cut costs through job losses.

Minister ‘uncomfortable’ with legal aid fight by Jihadi bride



SHAMIMA BEGUM: Fighting decision to revoke her citizenship after quitting Britain to back IS.

ting legal aid when she turned her back on this country.”

Pressed for his thoughts on how the legal aid would allow her to have a fair trial, Mr Williamson

“ The British people don’t like it, and quite simply neither do I. ”

Defence Secretary Gavin Williamson.

Joblessness hits lowest rate since 1975

RECORD NUMBERS of people are in work after a big increase in full-time jobs and self-employment over the past year, new figures reveal.

Employment jumped by 179,000 in the three months to February, to 32.7 million, the highest total since records began in 1971.

The figure has increased by 457,000 over the past year, all among full-time employees and the self-employed, while the number of people in part-time jobs fell by 15,000, said the Office for National Statistics.

Unemployment fell by 27,000 to 1.34 million, continuing a general trend which started in early

stressed again that she made a decision to turn her back on Britain.

He added: “The Home Secretary has made a judgment, it was a fair judgment, and it is a shame public money is going this way.”

Asked by reporters if the legal aid rules should be changed in the wake of her case, he added how “this goes to show that this is something that needs to be looked at afresh”.

Legal aid is the public money which is paid to lawyers to help them lodge legal battles for clients facing a court or tribunal hearing.

It is aimed at ensuring that ordinary people have access to justice and is part of a safety net for someone who cannot afford to defend themselves.

But Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn defended Ms Begum’s right to apply for legal aid, stating on Monday that whatever crimes Ms Begum was accused of, she was entitled to proper legal representation.

He said the decision by Mr Javid to strip the teenager of her citizenship was “very questionable”.

Labour MP ‘regrets’ 2014 Zionism jibe

SHADOW CABINET minister and Leeds MP Richard Burdon has said he regrets saying that “Zionism is the enemy of peace”.

The frontbencher, an ally of Jeremy Corbyn, had previously denied making the remarks, but acknowledged “It is now clear that I did and I regret doing so”.

After footage from 2014 emerged showing Mr Burdon saying “Zionism is the enemy of peace and the enemy of the Palestinian people”, the senior Labour MP said “I do not agree with that phrase” and he would not use it now.

The Leeds East MP said that when he was first challenged over the comments in 2016, he “did not recall” making the remarks and asked for further details.

He said: “I received no reply, so I believed it was inaccurate to have claimed that I had used that phrase. It is now clear that I did and I regret doing so.”

The Leeds East MP had faced calls to apologise from the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Jewish Leadership Council.

Amanda Bowman, vice president of the Board of Deputies, said: “These comments were shameful.

“Richard Burdon’s denial and the subsequent revelation of his 2014 incitement against Zionists encapsulate the total sham of Labour’s approach to anti-Semitism. At the very least he should apologise for his comments and for his denial of them.”

The footage of Mr Burdon’s comments, from 2014, was unearthed by investigative reporter Iggy Ostanian.



VISITOR STRATEGY: The Piece Hall, Halifax has contributed to the astonishing growth of tourism in Calderdale. PICTURES: BRUCE FITZGERALD.

Tourism ‘an important area of growth in next five years for borough’

TOURISM HAS seen “extraordinary” success in Calderdale in recent years, say council officials, with plans now in place to maximise this potential over the next five years.

Calderdale Council’s Cabinet approved a new Tourism Strategy policy which will lead up to the borough’s 50th anniversary in 2024 with the conclusion that it is a major growth area.

Introducing the paper and outlining its importance, Cabinet member for Regeneration and Economic Strategy, Coun Barry Collins – at his last Cabinet meeting before standing down from the council in May – said Calderdale’s tourism assets could grow the economy further.

He said: “Tourism is one of Calderdale’s most extraordinary success stories. Tourism is worth almost £350m per year now to this

area and that’s almost £100m more than 2010, it’s an amazing transformation in less than a decade.

“Tourism supports around 5,000 full-time equivalent jobs in the borough. Visitor spend has increased by five per cent between 2016 and 2017 alone. This is an enormously important potential further growth area for us.”

Coun Collins said this was the result of ambitious and inventive strategic planning, the latest plans bridging 2015 and now.

This was a period of time which had seen the emergence of Calderdale’s international visitor profile with the listing of the Calder Valley and Hebden Bridge in the National Geographic magazine’s World’s Top 19 “to go” destinations and the full opening of Halifax Piece Hall following refurbishment.

NOTRE-DAME FIRE

Art treasures saved from flames as multi-million pound restoration plans launched for famed landmark



BLAZE TRAGEDY: Some of the priceless artworks moved to the Paris Hotel de Ville; the building in the wake of the blaze; French firefighters rushing to the scene; a glimpse through the doors shows how flames ripped through the roof.



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The world rallies in solidarity to restore cathedral

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AMID THE ashes and the tears, it was some small consolation.

Notre-Dame, the masterpiece of French Gothic architecture that has for the best part of a millennium been at the epicentre of the spiritual life of Paris, lay partly in ruins, but its most precious treasures had been spared the inferno.

It was at around 7am local time that the devastating fire of the night before was declared to be fully extinguished. Some 12 hours earlier, a choir, hastily assembled within sight of the flames, had begun singing Schubert's *Ave Maria* in what seemed like a cry to the heavens. Video of their impromptu performance was flashed around the world.

Nearly 400 firefighters had fought through the night to prevent the complete destruction of the cathedral's unparalleled facade after flames engulfed its roof and sent its spire crashing to the ground.

One firefighter and two police officers were injured, but in the midst of the national and international grief, the French culture minister was able to announce that some of the most valuable treasures were safe – stored overnight in the Paris town hall, the Hôtel de Ville, and would be moved to the Louvre “as soon as possible”.

The cathedral's treasured paintings are not likely to be removed until Friday morning,

Macron 5-year rebuild target

FRENCH PRESIDENT Emmanuel Macron has set a target of five years for the ruined Notre Dame Cathedral to be rebuilt.

Mr Macron outlined his hopes for the restoration in an address to the nation last night, little more than 24 hours after the fire.

He said France “will rebuild Notre-Dame Cathedral even more beautifully” and pledged to “mobilise” as he thanked emergency services and donors who pledged money for the work.

In a series of tweets after the address, Mr Macron said: “We will rebuild Notre-Dame Cathedral, even more beautiful, and I hope that it will be completed within 5 years.”

Franck Riester added. “They have not been damaged but there could be some damage from the smoke so we are going to take them safely and place them in the Louvre where they will be dehumidified and they will be protected, conserved and then restored,” he said.

The tragedy has prompted an outpouring of support, with world leaders promising to help France rebuild.

In a message to President Emmanuel Macron, the Queen extended her “sincere admiration to the emergency



RESCUED: Notre-Dame cathedral from the top of the Montparnasse tower after the 12-hour battle to save it from the inferno

services who have risked their lives to try to save this important national monument”.

Pope Francis said he was praying for French Catholics and the Parisian population “under the shock of the terrible fire”.

Investigators believe it was caused by accident, possibly as a result of restoration work taking place. Some 50 people are working on a “long” and “complex” investigation into the cause, Paris prosecutor Remy Heitz said. They will interview workers from five companies hired to carry out renovations to the cathedral roof.

Speaking in front of the cathedral, junior interior minister Laurent Nunez said: “The task overnight was to

bring the fire under control so it doesn't re-start.

“The task is – now the risk of fire has been put aside – about the building, how the structure will resist.”

Hundreds of millions of euros have been pledged to rebuild Notre-Dame. The French tycoon Bernard Arnault has pledged the equivalent of £173m towards the reconstruction, following a reported £86m from another billionaire, Francois Pinault.

The European Council's President Donald Tusk called on the EU's member countries to help, saying the site was a symbol of what binds Eu rope together. It reminded Europeans of “how much we can lose”, he said.

Comment: Page 12.

‘No doubt’ that cathedral is repairable

REPAIRS

TWO CRAFTSMEN who worked on the restoration of York Minster after the fire of 1984 said they had “no doubt” that Notre-Dame was repairable.

John David, master mason, and Geoff Brayshaw, lead joiner, said Monday's tragedy brought back memories of the night the Minster's South Transept was struck by lightning.

The men devoted the next four years to carrying out a £4m restoration of the Minster, and said they hoped those involved in the rebuilding of Notre-Dame would follow their example of using traditional materials and craftsmen.

“I was really upset for the people of Paris, as I remember people were upset in York,” Mr David said. “I have no doubt that it's all repairable – and I think a lot of the people watching think it won't be repairable, but we know it can be done.”

The two men said the stone-built vaults at Notre-Dame had meant it was more difficult to contain the blaze, with resulting greater damage to the roof.

“It's a symbol of the glory of God but it's also a symbol of the generations of people of France,” Mr David said.

“It's a huge opportunity to train craftsmen in traditional building repair methods that the whole world needs.”

British heritage experts ‘ready to assist restoration efforts’

STAINED GLASS

HERITAGE EXPERTS from Britain are ready to help those who will be tasked with restoring Notre-Dame Cathedral, according to one of the world's leading voices on medieval stained glass.

Sarah Brown, the director of the York Glaziers Trust, which cares for the windows at York Minster, said her team had already been in contact with colleagues in France.

She said: “The stained glass community is not big but it's close,” she said. “There are plenty of people willing to help who have a high level of expertise.”

Ms Brown, who oversaw the restoration of York Minster's Great East Window, Britain's largest expanse of medieval stained glass, said it was difficult to speculate on the damage at Notre-Dame, but that stained glass was “remarkably resilient” in fire.

“Obviously it's a terrible shock,



SARAH BROWN: ‘There are plenty of people willing to help who have a high level of expertise.’

PICTURE: STEVE RIDING

a tragedy,” she said. “We in York had our own fire in 1984 so we can connect with what they must be feeling in Paris.”

Dr Emma Wells, from the University of York, said: “Our cathedrals are stone phoenixes, reminders that out of adversity we may be reborn.

“From the ashes they may be recreated, renovated, altered and changed as they have been over the centuries by hundreds, even thousands, of men and women into the cultural and heritage icons we know and love today.”#

Great cathedral that rose from the ashes: Page 11.

Architect ‘dreads’ catastrophic blaze at Abbey

WESTMINSTER

THE SHOCKING scenes of the blaze at Notre-Dame “is exactly what we all dread to see”, the architect in charge of the upkeep of Westminster Abbey has said.

Architect Ptolemy Dean, Westminster Abbey's Surveyor of the

Fabric, said: “I just feel absolutely horrified that this could happen and there is nothing you can do when a fire like that grabs hold. You are left in hands of the fire brigade.”

He said Paris had been a powerhouse of impressive Gothic architecture from the 11th and 12th

centuries, and had influenced many buildings in England, including Westminster Abbey.

He said: “It is exactly what we all dread to see – a vital building going up in flames. It is a vital part of our historical progression and to have lost it would have been a catastrophe.”



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Muslim convert stabbed a man to ‘establish himself as a fighter’

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A MUSLIM convert originally from Leeds was seen on private premises at a military air base just days before he repeatedly stabbed a stranger in the neck in the street.

Alex Davies, 26, stabbed Jaroslaw Poterucha six times from behind as he walked towards a bus stop in Manchester in August 2016.

One of Mr Poterucha's wounds was so deep, he was lucky to be alive, Manchester Crown Court heard.

Davies, also known as Ahmad

Ibn Abdillah, fled the scene undetected and was later spotted at RAF Northolt in west London two weeks later.

The court heard how police were informed of a male wearing full Islamic dress and heard to be chanting was seen in an accommodation area for RAF personnel.

Davies refused to give any personal details and was taken to a local police station by the Met where he was searched but nothing was found and he was allowed to leave.

The following month he threatened two men in a takeaway pizza shop in Slough, Berkshire, with a large kitchen knife and said to

them “Can I kill you now?” and “You are not Muslims”.

The defendant was arrested and while on remand at HMP Bullingdon in Oxfordshire in October 2016 he attacked prison officers in two separate incidents. In one he brandished a wooden stake with three razor blades embedded on its side and said: “Allahu Akbar, God is great.”

In February 2018 the defendant, formerly of Fencot Drive, Longsight, Manchester, but originally from Leeds, was arrested in jail over the Levenshulme stabbing.

When he was charged he replied: “I am saying it is a case of mistaken identity.”

But at his trial at Manchester he pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity.

Davies accepted he stabbed Mr Poterucha but his lawyers argued he did not know what he was doing was wrong and that he believed he was stabbing an alien.

Psychiatric experts for the prosecution and defence agreed

that Davies is suffering from paranoid schizophrenia.

However, Carey Johnston QC, prosecuting, pointed out Davies's initial explanation when charged and that he had stopped using his mobile phone soon after the attack and then disposed of the sim card.

It also emerged that in November 2017 Davies wrote a letter in prison which read: “To whom it may concern. This is Ahmad Ibn Abdillaa, leader of the Muslims, confessing to a crime of which I am wanted for. Whilst in Birmingham I heard a voice saying ‘The Muslim Leader’ whilst in astonishment ... I later went to Manchester and stabbed a man

so I could establish myself as a fighter.”

The court heard he is a devout Muslim who prays 15 times a day after he converted to Islam on his 20th birthday while in prison.

He is being treated at Ashworth high-security psychiatric hospital in Merseyside after being transferred from jail where he was serving a 10-and-a-half-year jail sentence, with an extended licence period of five years, imposed last May for the prison attack.

He will continue to be treated at Ashworth for an indefinite period for public protection after a jury found him guilty of attempted murder.

“ I stabbed a man so I could establish myself as a fighter.”

Alex Davies, originally from Leeds.

Blunder hits results of primary choices

AN ONLINE council blunder left parents in Leeds unable to find out which primary schools their children had been allocated.

Leeds City Council apologised after scheduled maintenance left parents unable to see their child's primary school offer yesterday.

Many parents across the city were left frustrated by the issues with the council's online schools portal when trying to find out their child's primary school place.

The council's website stated parents would receive their offer letter as an email attachment.

Instead they were sent a link to an online portal they could not log in to.

Hundreds of comments on the council's social media stated people were unable to find out which school their child had been offered a place at.

Waiting parents expressed their frustration and anger.

In a statement, the council explained that maintenance on the servers for the schools portal was taken out yesterday morning.

Steve Walker, director of children and families, said: “I would like to apologise for the fact that some parents were unable to access the online portal for primary school admissions this morning.

“I have looked into this issue and it would appear that maintenance was carried out on the computer servers that underpin the schools portal.

“This maintenance should not have taken place on these servers during such an important time for parents.

“I can only apologise for the frustration and inconvenience this has caused.”



Thieves stealing high-powered Audis for raids on ATMs

OWNERS OF high-powered vehicles in Harrogate are among those who have been targeted by thieves who have then used them for cash machine raids, police have said.

A report to Harrogate councillors from North Yorkshire Police's

Inspector for Harrogate Rural, Steve Breen, provided updates on “two-in-one burglaries” – in which a house is burgled with the aim of stealing car keys and vehicles.

The report said high-powered vehicles were being targeted by

criminals who then use them in crimes in neighbouring regions.

“These have mainly been Audi RS3 models which intelligence suggests are being stolen to order and also being used as the preferred vehicle in ATM attacks in North West and South Yorkshire,

Nottinghamshire and Cleveland areas”, the report from Insp Breen said.

“The Harrogate District as a whole is an affluent area and many of these vehicles are owned by residents.”

He said police officers have vis-

ited owners of similar vehicles in Knaresborough and Boroughbridge to give security advice.

They have also held mobile police surgeries in the areas affected by the crime, including Appleby Estate and Aspin Estates in Knaresborough.

Watchdog criticises failed castle raffle

THE OWNER of a Scottish castle has been rapped by the advertising watchdog over a raffle she launched to get rid of the property.

Susan DeVere set up the contest after her attempts to sell Orchardton Castle, near Auchencairn, Kirkcudbrightshire, failed. Built in the 1880s, the 17-bedroom property had been valued at £2.5m and has views across the Solway Firth.

Tickets for the raffle, launched on Facebook and the winacastle.co.uk website, cost £5 and the winner was promised the opportunity to “win the whole building freehold”. However, the raffle failed to generate enough sales and the prize was changed to £65,000, £7,000 and £5,000.

One person complained to the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) that the raffle was unfair because the prize had been changed. Mrs DeVere, who plans to appeal, said it should have taken the ASA “a heartbeat” to look at the website and see that from the beginning it was said a cash prize to the value of tickets sold could be substituted.

More than 200 arrests in second day of climate protests disruption

MORE THAN 200 arrests were made during the second day of climate protests, which have caused serious disruption in London.

Extinction Rebellion demonstrations have been taking place at Parliament Square, Waterloo Bridge, Oxford Circus and Marble Arch.

The Metropolitan Police said the protests were causing serious disruption to public transport and local businesses, with 55 bus routes closed and 500,000 people affected.

Motorists faced gridlocked traffic on a number of alternative routes, such as Westminster Bridge and Blackfriars Bridge.

At about 5.45pm yesterday, police said 209 people had been arrested in connection with the demonstrations.

Five people were arrested on suspicion of criminal damage following disruption outside commercial premises in Lambeth on

Monday and have since been released under investigation.

The other 204 people were arrested on Waterloo Bridge on Monday night and throughout Tuesday for Public Order Act offences, obstructing a highway and one for obstructing police.

The Met said it had imposed a 24-hour condition on Waterloo Bridge on Monday evening telling protesters to continue any demonstrations in the Marble Arch area.

The same condition was then imposed in the Oxford Circus area at 4.45pm yesterday.

The force said: “We are taking positive action against those who are choosing to ignore this condition and are continuing to demonstrate in other areas across London.

“Officers are out on the ground engaging with protesters and local communities to ensure proportionate policing plans are in place.”



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Man ‘kept in shed for 40 years’

CRIME: A second man has been arrested over claims that a vulnerable worker was forced to live in a 6ft shed for 40 years.

The 53-year-old suspect was arrested yesterday at a residential site north of Carlisle, Cumbria, on suspicion of modern slavery offences and is being questioned in custody.

A man, 79, was previously detained by officers from the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority in October and released under investigation.

‘Extra pregnancy scans save money’

HEALTH: Thousands of emergency caesarean sections could be avoided in the UK every year by scanning women in late pregnancy, new research suggests.

An ultrasound at 36 weeks would detect babies in breech position, according to the study by Cambridge University found. Midwives check the position of the baby by feeling the bump, but the researchers said an extra scan could save the NHS money.

Giant's Causeway put under scrutiny

TOURISM: A study is due to assess the impact of more than a million visitors at one of Northern Ireland's natural wonders.

The National Trust has announced a sustainability study over increased visitor numbers to the Giant's Causeway and nearby rope bridge Carrick-a-Rede.

Last year there were more than 1.5m visitors to both attractions.

‘Ban new petrol and diesel lorries’

TRANSPORT: Sales of new petrol and diesel lorries should be banned by 2040, Government advisers have claimed.

The National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) claimed the move is necessary to encourage the freight industry to invest in a greener fleet. It argued that the development of hydrogen and battery-powered lorries is already advanced and the vehicles are expected to be available in the early 2020s.

Old phone boxes converted for 4G

COVERAGE: Disused phone boxes have been transformed to provide 4G mobile connections for beachgoers in Cornwall who have long struggled with little coverage.

Visitors to Polzeath and Sennen Cove will benefit from faster mobile internet and improved call reception when they are close to Vodafone's 4G boxes. Mobile coverage remains a problem for remote and coastal areas of the UK.

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deaths

HOLMES Ken

On April 10th, 2019, peacefully at home after a short illness, aged 87 years. Beloved partner of Moira, also loved by family and friends. Funeral service to take place at St Peter's Church, Norton, on Tuesday April 30th 2019 at 12 noon; followed by interment in Norton Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and The Injured Jockeys Fund. A donation plate will be provided at the service. All enquiries to E. & A. R. Agar Funeral Directors. Tel. 01653 919004.

Announcements

Please note the amended Easter Deadlines for Family Announcements

If you would like your notice to appear for Good Friday the amended deadline is Thursday 18th April at 12pm.

If you would like your notice to appear for Saturday 20th April – the amended deadline is Thursday 18th April at 1pm.

If you would like your notice to appear for Easter Monday the amended deadline is Thursday 18th April at 2pm.

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Justice for Elsie as judges order a fresh inquest

50-year wait for answers to stabbing

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THE FAMILY of a 14-year-old murdered schoolgirl say a "piece of history" has been made after the High Court ruled there must be a fresh inquest into her killing.

No-one was ever successfully prosecuted for the murder of Elsie Frost, who was stabbed to death on her way home from her sister's house in Wakefield, on October 9, 1965.

Now, more than 50 years on Elsie's family say they are "elated" that justice will prevail, after senior judges in London found there was "fresh evidence" requiring a new inquest to be held.

Elsie's brother Colin Frost, who was just six when his sister was murdered, said: "It was very emotional moment when the judges gave out the decision."

"I just feel everything that we have done has been vindicated."

"We did not know what to expect, I had prepared myself for a 'no' decision, which contributed to the overwhelming emotions when they agreed to new inquest."

"There's a lot of work ahead of us but we can approach it in a different way now. We have achieved something which I don't think we can fully appreciate yet. It's a piece of history and at last we can move forward with confidence."

"Perhaps when we get to the end we can look back with a huge amount of pride."

The original inquest into Elsie's death took place between January 4 and 11, 1966 when the



ELSIE FROST: The Wakefield schoolgirl was stabbed to death in a brutal attack in 1965.

coroner recorded a verdict that Elsie had died of multiple stab wounds. The coroner wrongly stated Elsie had been murdered by Ian Bernard Spencer. His trial was thrown out due to lack of evidence.

Detectives re-investigating Elsie's murder since 2016, were preparing to charge convicted child killer and rapist Peter Pickering after new evidence came to light, but the 80-year-old died in March 2018, in the secure psychiatric accommodation in Berkshire where he was held for more than 45 years.

In the week before his death, Pickering was found guilty of

the violent rape of an 18-year-old woman in Sheffield in 1972. The crime came to light as a result of the cold case investigation into Elsie's murder by West Yorkshire Police.

In October, last year Mr Frost and Elsie's older sister Anne Cleave launched a legal drive for a new inquest into her death so the public can finally learn the truth about what happened and the family can get "closure".

His barrister Anna Morris earlier told the court that a fresh inquest was "both necessary and desirable", adding that without one "the full facts about the tragic death of Elsie Frost will never be recorded and the truth never known".

She added that, without answers about how Elsie died, "her family, her parents, her brother and her sister have never been able to properly grieve".

Lord Justice Irwin, sitting with Mr Justice Jay, ordered a new inquest but said that the court's reasons will be given at a later date.

Speaking before the hearing, Mr Frost said he thought Pickering "got away with the perfect murder back in 1965", which he said was "very, very frustrating and very upsetting".

He said the Frost family also wanted the findings of the original inquest quashed as Mr Spencer had "lived with that shadow" of wrongly being accused of Elsie's murder until his death.

Mr Frost added: "We have said all along that we are fighting for justice for the Spencer family as well."

"We've come along way for this. We've fought and fought and fought."

Colin Frost, brother of murdered schoolgirl Elsie Frost.

Actress lost sense of smell in freak accident

ROSE MCGOWAN has revealed she lost her sense of smell following a freak accident.

She said a blow to the head received from a car door five years ago left her unable to test her own bath products, and oblivious to dangerous gas leaks.

The actress and activist, *inset*, has said she gained "super" taste buds after losing the ability to smell.

McGowan, *inset*, said she was tested by Harvard experts following the incident, which left her with a highly-attuned palate, but adjusting to life with one less sense.

The *Scream* star and writer of *Brave* said she once left the gas on at home and didn't notice the danger.

Speaking on the *Off Menu* podcast with Ed Gamble and James

Acaster, McGowan revealed her loss, and her new powers of taste.

She said: "I found out about five years ago. I did a series of tests at Harvard because I lost my sense of smell in a freak accident."

They were studying me because I could still taste which is normally interrelated.

"I got hit in the head with a car door in a freak valet accident in Los Angeles."

She added on the impact of her loss: "Not being able to smell, I've had to get gas monitors for my house and things like that because I accidentally left the gas on one night and didn't know because I couldn't smell it."

McGowan, who has been a prominent figure in the #MeToo movement, said she underwent tests following her accident.



Briefing

Resort waterpark alcohol licence bid

SCARBOROUGH: The resort's £14m Alpacare Waterpark will face a hearing to determine if it will be granted a new alcohol licence.

The operator of the Burniston Road attraction, Alpacare UK, was issued with a winding-up petition in January over debts. Scarborough Council's licensing sub-committee meets on Friday April 26 to rule on the licence.

Crackdown on online chemists

HEALTH: Online pharmacies will have to follow more strict guidelines to protect against the inappropriate prescribing of powerful painkillers and antibiotics.

The General Pharmaceutical Council said web-based retailers will have to verify patients' identities in order to prescribe drugs.



MARCHING ON: Les Reed, writer of Leeds anthem *Marching on Together* leading the team in song in 1972.



FAMILY MAN: Les Reed with Sir Tom Jones and with three luxury cars and wife and daughter Donna when his luxury cars were kept out of the garage for the sake of his daughter's guinea pig.

PICTURE: GETTY IMAGES

Sir Tom pays tribute to hit songwriter for stars and Leeds Utd

THE SINGER Sir Tom Jones was among those paying tribute yesterday to Les Reed, the songwriter behind some of the most enduring hits of the 1960s, following his death at 83.

Reed co-wrote *Delilah* and *It's Not Unusual* for Sir Tom, as well as Engelbert Humperdinck's *The Last Waltz*.

He had served his apprenticeship as a pianist in the early 1960s in the John Barry Seven, the jazz outfit founded by the York musician and composer whose name it bore. But Reed had another connection with Yorkshire, as co-writer of *Leeds! Leeds!*, performed by the Leeds United football team and released originally as the B-side

to its 1972 FA Cup final single. Better known as *Marching On Together*, a re-release in 1992 reached the top 50, despite only being available in Yorkshire.

Sir Tom said his old friend was "a lovely man, a legend in the world of songwriting".

He added: "Les was a gifted songwriter and arranger who was instrumental in penning many a hit, including two important songs for me".

The lyricist Sir Tim Rice said: "He was [the] composer of countless hits that will live on for years, decades, to come."

Singer Connie Francis, who recorded an album of his songs, said he gave a new meaning to the word 'gentleman'.



Moors filling station set to be razed

IT WAS one of the last traditional-style filling stations on the North York Moors – but looks set to be demolished to make way for a guesthouse, tearoom and spa development, despite objections.

The proposal to bulldoze the petrol station at Honey Bee Nest, Glaisdale follows a dramatic decline in the number of fuel outlets over the last 50 years and mounting concerns over access to key services in rural areas.

In 1970, there were 37,539 petrol

stations across the country, but at the end of last year this figure had dwindled to 8,394.

However, the North York Moors National Park Authority's planning committee, which meets tomorrow, will be told the filling station that served Glaisdale for decades is now "surplus to requirements" and demolishing it will help add to the village's services and the local economy.

An officers' report states the filling station had operated as a

motor repair and fuel sales business, but had been closed for a number of years as there was another petrol forecourt at the top end of the village.

National park officers said the loss of community facilities should be resisted, but adds: "As the existing two garages in the village have merged it is not considered that the fuel and servicing provision has been lost from the village."

Applicants Guy Bentley Ltd

said with the Coast to Coast walk, Beggars Bridge ancient monument and the River Esk nearby there was a demand for the new facility. A spokesman for the firm said: "Many moors villages have the expected tearoom, Glaisdale has not and the station has no refreshment facilities."

Glaisdale Parish Council has opposed the plan, saying it is too large, has insufficient parking and is likely to create excessive noise and traffic.

Stadium in hospitality suite plan

A £1M hospitality renovation at Headingley Stadium has been given a council's licensing seal of approval to become a "significant entertainment facility".

Following the ground's pavilion redevelopment, applicant Headingley North South Stand Ltd has won permission from Leeds Council to extend the bar area to the ground's lavish new £1m director's suite.

Representing the applicants, Harvey Willis said: "As part of the redevelopment the North Stand has been rebuilt and pavilion has been modernised."

"A significant sum has been spent on this facility, more than a £1m. It is a significant entertainment facility."

He explained that bar areas have been taken out of the ground floor. The first floor bar areas would remain the same, as would the second floor with an added private dining area for 30 people. The bar for the new third floor director's suite has also been moved.

However, part of the application, to add entertainment similar to live music, recorded music or dance on Sundays, was withdrawn.

Some representations to the council were made by local residents who were concerned about noise it would bring to the area.



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Warning of bowel cancer risk from red meat

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EVEN MODERATE amounts of ham, bacon and red meat are linked to bowel cancer, according to new research which found the health risks are greater than previously thought.

People who stick to NHS guidelines on red and processed meat consumption still increase their risk of bowel cancer by a fifth compared with those who eat very small amounts, a study part-funded by Cancer Research UK found.

The Department of Health has said that while meat is a good source of protein, vitamins and minerals, people should cut their intake of red and processed meat to about 70g per day, which is the average daily consumption in the UK.

The World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF) said there is strong evidence that eating processed meats like salami, bacon and ham is a cause of bowel cancer, while eating a lot of red meats like beef, lamb or pork also increases the risk.

For the new research, published in the International Journal of Epidemiology, experts examined data from 475,581 people aged 40-69 at the start of the study and followed them for an average of 5.7 years.

The study found that people consuming an average of 76g per day of red and processed meat had a 20 per cent higher risk of bowel cancer compared with those who ate 21g per day.

For red meat only, the risk was 15 per cent higher for people who ate 54g per day, about one thick slice of roast beef or one lamb chop on average, compared with those who had 8g per day.

For processed meat only, the risk was 19 per cent higher for

those who had an average of 29g per day, about one rasher of bacon or a slice of ham, compared with those who had an average of 5g per day.

People with a high intake of fibre from bread and breakfast cereals lowered their risk of bowel cancer by 14 per cent.

Cancer Research UK's expert on diet and cancer, Professor Tim Key, who co-authored the study, said: "Our results strongly suggest that people who eat red and processed meat four or more times a week have a higher risk of developing bowel cancer than those who eat red and processed meat less than twice a week."

Around one in every 15 men and one in every 18 women will develop bowel cancer during

"The more you cut down, the more you lower the risk."

Professor Tim Key,
Cancer Research UK.

their lifetime.

Existing evidence points to an increased bowel cancer risk for every 50g of processed meat a person eats per day, but the new study found that risk increases at just 25g per day.

Dr Julie Sharp, Cancer Research UK's head of health information, said: "The Government guidelines on red and processed meat are general health advice and this study is a reminder that the more you can cut down beyond this, the more you can lower your chances of developing bowel cancer."

"This doesn't necessarily mean cutting out red and processed meat entirely, but you may want to think about simple ways to reduce how much you have and how often."

Quarter of adults 'not fit enough'

ALMOST A quarter of adults do not feel fit enough to get enough exercise to reduce their risk of bowel cancer, a charity has said.

Bowel Cancer UK commissioned a YouGov poll of fitness levels as part of its campaign to encourage people to be more active.

Research has shown that 150 minutes of exercise like cycling or walking every week lowers

people's chances of developing the illness. The charity's 'Step Up for 30' campaign urges people to be sponsored to do half an hour of exercise every day during June.

Luke Squires, director of fundraising at Bowel Cancer UK, said: "Exercise doesn't just have to be about working out in a gym. You could walk, swim, dance, run, cycle, do yoga."



LOOKING BACK: Volunteers put the finishing touches to the restored livery of the freight train rescued from oblivion.

Locomotive chugs back in time to celebrate centenary

A MUCH-LOVED locomotive has been restored to its original livery to celebrate its 100th year of running.

Originally a freight workhorse that plied the tracks of the North East hauling heavy coal trains, the Q6 class locomotive No.63395 won a place in the hearts of steam lovers, and was almost lost forever in 1967. But after more than 50 years of dedicated care

by member of the North Eastern Locomotive Preservation Group (NELPG), at its base on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, the locomotive is still going strong, and has, for 2019 only, been repainted in its original North Eastern Railway livery.

Visitors can see it in operation during special bank holiday events, from May 4 to 6. NELPG chairman Chris

Lawson said: "The only 0-8-0 currently in working preservation, it was so nearly lost to the scrap man in 1967 and saved with only hours before it was due to be cut up."

"It is a tribute to the efforts and dedication of the group's volunteers over the last 51 years that this icon of the North-East coalfield can still be seen at work today."

Asda contract changes 'extremely difficult' for workers

LEEDS-BASED ASDA has been accused of short-changing 3,000 staff under proposed changes to employee contracts that will see the end of paid breaks.

The supermarket confirmed last week that consultations were taking place to simplify terms for hourly paid workers and in-

crease the basic rate of pay to £9 per hour.

But Siobhain McDonagh, MP for Mitcham and Morden, has claimed in a letter to Asda chief executive Roger Burnley that staff involved in the process were likely to be up to £500 worse off per year.

The loss of paid breaks, an end to premium pay and shortening of night shifts would hit staff wages, Ms McDonagh said.

Under the plan, the basic rate of pay would increase from £8.21 per hour for all retail employees, and include the benefits of an annual bonus, colleague discount,

sharesave and pension. However staff will be asked to work more flexible times such as on bank holidays while breaks would no longer be paid.

Ms McDonagh said some staff who may have care considerations may find the changes "extremely difficult".

Asda said the changes would bring it in line with industry standards.

Senior vice president for operations, Anthony Hemmerdinger, said: "As our customers continue to change the way they shop with us, we also have to be prepared to change to meet their needs."

Scherzinger 'would be perfect for Strictly'

IT IS ONE of the most coveted jobs in light entertainment with an audience of millions of television viewers.

And Kristina Rihanoff has claimed that Nicole Scherzinger would be a perfect replacement for Dame Darcey Bussell on the Strictly Come Dancing judging panel.

Dame Darcey announced last week she would be leaving the BBC One series after a seven-year stint as a judge. The former ballerina claimed that she would be focusing on "other dance commitments"

and added that her departure was not due to "any upset or disagreement".

Russian dancer Rihanoff, *inset*, who competed on the hugely popular dance contest between 2008 and 2015, yesterday told *Good Morning Britain*: "I do think the panel needs another woman and someone from a different background to ballroom dancing."

Speaking about former *X Factor* judge and singer Scherzinger, Rihanoff said: "She is a beautiful, stunning lady who has professional training in street and commercial dancing. She would be a good judge."



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Manchester Arena appeal totals £21.6m

CHARITY: An appeal launched in the wake of the May 2017 Manchester Arena bombing has reached a final total of £21.6m.

The majority of cash raised by the We Love Manchester Emergency Fund has gone to bereaved families, but trustees were keen to also help those who need ongoing medical support and care. Some 22 people died in the attack in May 2017.

British 'work longest hours in Europe'

EMPLOYMENT: Britain's long hours culture is continuing, with workers putting in the longest hours in the EU, a study says.

Employees worked an average of 42 hours a week last year, two more than the typical EU employee, said the TUC. Workers in Germany and Denmark are more productive than their UK counterparts even though they work fewer hours, said the TUC.

Soldier badly injured in alleged glassing attack

SPAIN: A soldier is in a serious condition in hospital after she was allegedly glassed by a female friend in a nightclub in Majorca.

The victim, Scottish woman Sarah Ann Garrity, 22, was seriously injured at Banana Disco, Punta Ballena, Magaluf, in the early hours of Monday.

Both women are understood to be off-duty soldiers. A woman was arrested and held in custody.

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Manager who used council credit card to pay for grandson’s party avoids jail

A FORMER manager who used a council credit card to pay for her grandson’s christening party as well as other treats has avoided an immediate prison sentence.

Andrea Breen, 48, who worked for Calderdale Council for 15 years, should have used the card for legitimate expenses in her

role as a licensing and registrations manager, but instead made purchases including £1,100 on the christening party.

Bradford Crown Court heard that Breen, of Ashfield Drive, Ovenden, Halifax, was partly motivated by a revenge because of the way she felt she had been treated

over a complaint at work. Prosecutor Heather Gilmore said Breen used the credit card mainly between late 2016 and January 2018 to pay for items including tickets to a London theatre show, swimming lessons for her grandson and other gifts.

Breen admitted stealing from

her employer and Miss Gilmore confirmed that the total sum was £9,829.51.

The court heard that Breen was in line for a council pension of £120,000. Recorder Thomas Moran made a confiscation order under the Proceeds of Crime Act which means that all the stolen

money plus just over £300 in interest will be seized from her pension.

A psychological report indicated that Breen had been suffering from an adjustment disorder at the time of the offending due to events at work and family issues. The judge suspended her

six-month jail term for a year and ordered Breen to do 80 hours of unpaid work. She was also given a 20-day rehabilitation activity requirement and £1,200 costs.

Recorder Moran said Breen had admitted the offending at her police interview and the only issue was the precise amount of

money she had stolen. The judge heard that Breen had got another job at a restaurant and shown clear remorse for her offending.

Barrister Joanne Shepherd, for Breen, said her client was at a loss to explain her behaviour and was thoroughly ashamed of herself and genuinely remorseful.

Arts and culture ‘are worth £10.8bn to economy’

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YORKSHIRE’S ARTS leaders have hailed the social and economic benefits of cultural attractions in the region after a new report found the sector is worth £10.8bn to the UK’s economy – more than agriculture.

But Arts Council England, who produced the report, has warned despite supporting 360,000 jobs and contributing £2.8bn in tax to the Government, the sector is being battered by public funding cuts.

Creative sector ‘is thriving’

SIR NICHOLAS Serota, the chairman of Arts Council England, claimed arts and culture is a “thriving industry” which is delivering “huge benefits” for the economy.

He added: “Public investment in the arts is fuelling local regeneration across the country, pushing skills and talent to the commercial sector, and driving the world-class reputation of our creative industries.”

Despite pressures, the productivity of arts and culture workers is higher than the national average, according to the report.

Turnover from the arts and culture sector has risen every year from 2009 to 2016, from £11bn to almost £17bn.

national festival, which begins in Leeds and Wakefield in June. Producer Jane Bhoyroo said the value of arts and culture to the economy of Yorkshire “cannot be understated nor can the social impact it has”.

“Investment from Arts Council England is allowing us to create something amazing and memorable which will have an impact across two cities, the Yorkshire economy and touch the lives of a million people,” she said.

“From a tourism point of view we are confident it will generate visits and from a social point of view it will open sculpture up to a wide audience to the possibilities art brings. The impact will be felt beyond YSI for years to come.”

Welcome to Yorkshire’s commercial director Peter Dodd said: “The arts and culture scene in Yorkshire is thriving so it’s really no surprise the economic boost this sector brings is so huge.”

Comment: Page 12.



Artist’s garden image captures the magic of Yorkshire summer evening

THE MIDDLESBROUGH artist Mackenzie Thorpe, whose work is noted for capturing Yorkshire’s countryside as well as its early industrial landscape, has been chosen to provide the backdrop to the Welcome to Yorkshire garden at this summer’s Chelsea Flower Show.

He has created an image for the event of an adult and child under a moonlit sky, in a field of wildflowers beside a canal, looking out to the hills rising in the distance.

The Yorkshire garden, the tourism authority’s 10th at Chelsea, is being created in partnership with the Canal and River Trust and will incorporate a working canal with genuine lock gates from Huddersfield, a towpath and lock keeper’s lodge.

Welcome To Yorkshire said it would stand as a celebration of



CELEBRATION: Mackenzie Thorpe’s painting *Under The Moon and Stars* has been chosen to provide the backdrop to the Welcome to Yorkshire garden at Chelsea Flower Show.

the county’s industrial heritage and the beauty of its waterways.

Mr Thorpe said he wanted to capture the magic of a summer evening in Yorkshire.

“We’re so lucky to have such

amazing countryside as a natural resource we can all enjoy. The canal and locks are important iconic symbols of the county’s industrial heritage that helped to shape its landscape,” he said.

The garden is being designed by the horticulturist Mark Gregory, who worked on last year’s Yorkshire garden, the most successful to date at Chelsea. It won a Gold Medal, the People’s Choice Award and the prize for best construction.

Mr Gregory said: “I really love Mackenzie’s take on this year’s canal scene. He’s captured the elevation, hills and drama of Yorkshire’s waterways beautifully.”

“I particularly love the night time setting and shadow play with the flowers in the foreground.”

Peter Dodd, Welcome to Yorkshire’s commercial director, said: “The painting has a really magical feel and I’m sure when people see it they will be inspired to visit Yorkshire and experience its unique qualities at first hand.”

Gallery to house Sir Elton’s photo collection

HIS PENCHANT for the outlandish pop art which defined his appearance in the 1970s made him something of an *enfant terrible*, but Sir Elton John’s acceptance into the bosom of the British establishment was sealed yesterday when the Victoria & Albert Museum renamed one of its galleries in his honour.

Sir Elton and his husband, David Furnish, made what the V&A called a “significant” donation towards its new photography centre, which opened in October.

The musician’s private photo collection will now go on display there as part of a long-term collaboration with the museum to improve public access to the art.

The collaboration will see highlights from the V&A’s collection of more than 800,000 photographs – including many it acquired from the National Media Museum in Bradford in 2016 – alongside pictures from Sir Elton, who has been curating since 1991 and whose library includes images by Man Ray, Dorothea Lange,

Andre Kertesz and Edward Steichen.

He said the Photography Centre would “not only elevate photography but it will help foster new artists, patrons and collectors, like myself”.

Tristram Hunt, director of the V&A, said there were “huge synergies” between the collections.

Briefing

Pub set to become veterinary surgery

YORK: A pub is set to be turned into a new veterinary surgery.

A planning application has been submitted for the former Puss n Boots on Hamilton Drive in Acomb, York, to become a surgery. Under the scheme, a small extension would also be created on the ground floor to create a room where animals can be x-rayed.

Veterinary group CVS has submitted the application to York Council and a statement says the pub is currently closed and derelict.

CVS owns a number of surgeries in and around York.

World first for eye health students

COURSE: Students training in an eye health specialism became the first in the world to take a new medicines module.

Twelve people on the University of Sheffield’s orthoptic course studied how to supply and administer medicines under new Government guidelines.

The law was changed so othoptists, who treat conditions like double vision and ‘wobbly’ eyes, can provide certain drugs to help streamline patient care.

The specialists work in hospitals and provide eye screening in schools.

Orange parade to be re-routed

GLASGOW: An Orange march which was to pass a church where a Catholic priest was spat on has been rerouted after police warned of potential for disorder.

The original route for the Apprentice Boys of Derry (Bridgeton) Easter Sunday parade would have passed St Alphonsus Church, Glasgow, where Father Thomas White was targeted as an Orange walk went by on July 7 last year.

A man was jailed in February for 10 months spitting at the priest.

Stricken kittens rescued with net

CWMBRAN: Four stricken kittens have been rescued from a small gap between a wall and a conservatory with a child’s fishing net.

The two ginger and two black-and-white kittens had been stuck in Llanyrafon, Cwmbran, for at least 24 hours. Residents called Cats Protection’s Gwent Branch for help after spotting the trapped felines.

Glynis Davies, co-ordinator of Cats Protection’s Gwent Branch, said: “We decided the only way we could rescue the kittens was to fish them out.”

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THE GREAT CATHEDRAL THAT ROSE FROM THE ASHES

Thirty-five years ago, York Minster was ravaged by fire, and its determination to rebuild has striking parallels with the Notre-Dame aftermath. Andrew Vine reports.

IT WAS a moment when the world joined Yorkshire in horrified disbelief as flames leapt from the roof of York Minster.

Just as a global audience grieved for Notre-Dame, so it mourned the Minster as it burned in the early hours of July 9 1984, the flames visible for miles as they roared hundreds of feet into the air, sending a pall of smoke across the city.

Yorkshire's most iconic building, symbol of the county, its steadfastness and faith since the 13th century was lit up against the sky by the inferno raging in its South Transept as 150 firefighters battled to save it.

At daybreak, when they had doused the flames but smoke still wreathed the ruined transept, mingling with steam rising from charred timbers saturated by water, those entering looked up to see clear blue sky where the roof had been.

Nowhere in the world will have quite the same understanding of how the people of Paris are feeling than York. Just as Parisians look on Notre-Dame and wonder how it can be restored, so the people of York asked themselves the same questions.

But as it was for York, so it will be for Paris – the great cathedral that is more than a landmark or a place of worship, but the embodiment of a city's heart and soul, will rise again from the ashes of fire.

It was shortly after 2am when the Minster fire started, undetected in roof spaces as it took hold. Once the alarms sounded, clergy living nearby rushed in to save its treasures as the building began to fill with smoke.

They were led by the Dean of York, Dr Ronald Jasper, who saw flames sweeping along the transept roof. Police helped as they snatched up crosses, candlesticks and cloths from the high altar before firefighters ordered everyone out because it was becoming so dangerous.

Scalding raindrops of molten lead were cascading from the roof, and debris beginning to fall. Firefighters struggled to contain the blaze, even with huge volumes of water pumped from the Ouse. To bring it under control, they used hoses to force the burning roof to fall at about 4am, and once it was down could finally extinguish the flames.

At 5.05am, the fire crews reported that they had the blaze under control, but would spend a further 24 hours damping down.

There had been devastating fires at the Minster in 1753, 1829 and 1840 but this blaze had an enormous international impact. The ruined, blackened South Transept, gaping open to the sky, was on front pages around the world, as Notre Dame would be.

The 16th century stained glass of the Rose Window had been fragmented into 40,000 pieces by the intense heat, but had, miraculously, stayed in place thanks to its restored leading completed 12 years previously.

Once it was safe to enter the building, the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, was one of the first inside. His words were measured: "We

must be grateful it is not worse, but it is certainly terrible."

A few days later, when the Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie, visited, his message was one of determination as he stood amongst the wreckage: "It will rise again."

As with Notre-Dame, the aftermath was characterised by shock. York had a subdued atmosphere as it sank in how close the Minster had come to destruction.

And as investigators began to sift through the debris to establish the cause of the fire, one startling theory began doing the rounds – divine intervention was responsible.

This came from church traditionalists who had been furious at the consecration of David Jenkins as Bishop of Durham in the Minster three days before the fire. Dr Jenkins was a controversial figure who had denied the Virgin Birth and questioned the Resurrection. Protestors had gathered outside his consecration and twice interrupted the service.

Among those evicted from the service was the Rev John Mowll, from Congleton, in Cheshire, who in the aftermath of the fire said: "I would not rule out the possibility of divine intervention. The God I believe in is a supernatural God and He does intervene in human affairs from time to time."

Disasters such as this have a huge impact on the wider community

Dr Kate Giles, from the University of York's Department of Archaeology.

North Yorkshire Fire Brigade's investigation confined itself to more earthly matters. The fire had started during a spell of hot, cloudless weather and a lightning strike was the most likely cause. Badly-placed smoke detectors had allowed flames to take hold and spread before alarms went off.

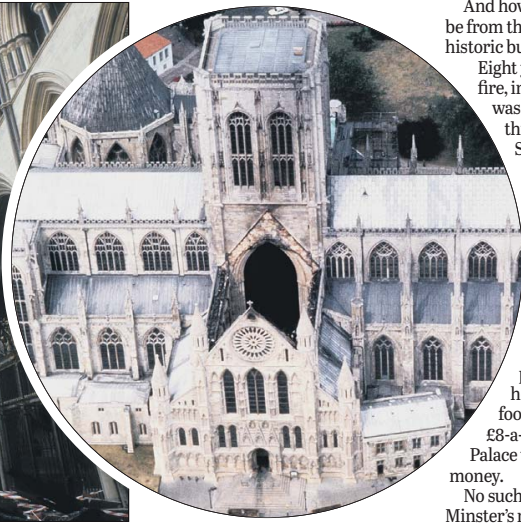
A priority was raising £350,000 to install modern fire-protection systems. Then attention turned to restoring the Minster, using the methods and materials of its medieval builders.

Just as Paris finds now, York found itself the focus of immense goodwill and a resolve to do whatever was necessary to restore and rebuild the Minster.

Country estates across Yorkshire donated venerable oak trees to form the mighty trusses that would support the roof, and 62 new bosses were carved with figures and scenes. The Rose Window would be repaired and restored.

It took four years and £2.25m, which included hundreds of private donations ranging from whatever few pounds people could afford to substantial contributions, for the South Transept to be reborn. The Minster was re-dedicated in a service attended by the Queen in November 1988.

The parallels between the determination to rebuild York Minster and Notre-Dame are striking, and say



ANGUISH: Clockwise from the top: York Minster on fire in July 1984; the damage can clearly be seen; a shocked Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, inspects the damage; aftermath of the blaze. (YPN/PA/Press Agency Yorkshire Ltd).

A great Gothic masterpiece

YORK MINSTER is one of the finest medieval buildings in Europe. It is also known as St Peter's and its full name is the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York.

The first Christian church on the site has been dated to 627 and the first Archbishop of York was recognised by the Pope in 732.

A stone Saxon church survived Viking invasion in 866 but was ransacked by William the Conqueror's forces in 1069.

The present Gothic-style church was built over 250 years, between 1220 and 1472.

As the natural centre of the Church in the North, the Minster has often played an important role in great national affairs - not least during the turbulent years of the Reformation and the Civil War.

much about how treasured these iconic cathedrals are, even by those who might never attend a service within their walls.

And how different that spirit can be from the reaction to fires at other historic buildings is equally striking.

Eight years after the Minster fire, in 1992, Windsor Castle was ravaged by fire which tore through St George's Hall, the State Apartments and the Brunswick Tower, as royal staff carried priceless artworks to safety and the Queen looked on as firefighters tried to contain it.

Restoration costs of £36.5m were the subject of political and public argument over who should pay, with a body of opinion holding that the Queen should foot the bill. To defuse the row, £8-a-head tours of Buckingham Palace were introduced to raise money.

No such reservations blighted the Minster's restoration, for like Notre-Dame, it holds a special place in people's hearts. Dr Kate Giles, from the University of York's Department of Archaeology, said: "Disasters such as this have a huge impact not only on those who work and worship in a church, but also the wider community for whom the building is a symbol of identity and something far harder to capture, linking people to a deep sense of the past and to a sense of spirituality, whether they are religious or not.

"We saw...how local residents, visitors and the international community shared a sense of anguish at the fate of this internationally-significant Gothic building."

And York has more to offer Notre-Dame than just the example of how a great cathedral can rise again, added Dr Giles. "But cathedrals have a millennium of expertise behind them, and Notre-Dame will be able to draw on colleagues from across the world, including the University of York's Art History and Archaeology departments and York Minster's Glaziers' Trust and Stonyard, to assist with its rebuilding and restoration."

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Keeping it in the family to give city pub new lease of life

"THE ROAD to Terminus was a long one and somewhere along the line our beer ran out," says Baz Phillips, who together with brother Graeme founded The Meanwood Brewery in Leeds and the recently opened Terminus pub.

He is alluding to the fact that, owing to putting in a number of back-to-back 90-hour weeks, both in the run-up to the launch of Terminus in November and immediately after it opened, they were unable to keep up production of their ales.

Logistical issues have now been resolved and last Saturday, the most elusive bar in the Leeds suburb – it's not visible from the main road and sits directly behind The Hungry Bear at the bottom of Stonegate Road – reopened with 10 keg beers, four cask ales and two sparkling wines.

Baz, 35, who founded the brewery with Graeme, 37, in December 2016, said: "We did just about everything in

Brewers Baz and Graeme Phillips worked so hard on their new pub in Leeds, they ran out of beer. Now they're back with a much larger range, writes Neil Hudson.

the building, it took us months and months to get the brewery and the bar into the position we wanted it.

"When we arrived, the whole building was ramshackle, it had been derelict for about 10 years. So for several months we were just basically grafting."

The former Victorian wash house was given a new lease of life by the brothers, while they employed a carpenter to make better use of a

sloping approach to create a beer garden. However, their dedication to the building meant they didn't have enough time to focus on brewing.

Father-of-one Baz explains: "We had some beer from our old brewery and we opened with quite a lot of that but sold out within the first few weeks.

"When we first opened, it was just us manning the bar, we were doing 90-hour weeks.

"When we ran out, we had to buy beer in from small indie breweries and kept the bar going that way. Now we have a very strong team running the bar."

Staffing issues resolved, beer stocks replenished, they are now in a much more stable position to move forward with the business.

They have even forged a closer link with the neighbouring The Hungry Bear, forming a partnership in which 'The Bear' will supply Sunday dinners

to guests – not a bad prospect given their neighbour's already formidable reputation when it comes to food – but throw in the fact Terminus's beer garden is big enough to hold 40 and, if the weather's nice, this could quickly become one of Meanwood's most sought-after Sunday sanctuaries.

Baz says: "We have been blown away by how successful we have seen.

"We've been surprised by the speed with which the word got out. We have just installed lights over the side street which comes off the main road, so it makes us a lot more visible from there.

"Our beer garden backs onto The Hungry Bear and we have seating for about 40 people."

However, aside from "taking back the taps" with their own range of cask and keg ales, they have also been launched two sparkling wines, 'Respect Your Elder, Flower' and 'Bazberry

Beret' (both 11 per centers and aimed squarely at the Prosecco market).

"We had food and live music on the night," says Baz and we're excited to have launched our new sparkling wines."

He adds: "We were home brewers to start with and just got deep into it, we always wanted to open a small bar in Meanwood.

"It's where we live, we love the place. "Trying to run the brewery and helping guys manage this place, it became too much. Hopefully, the 90 hour weeks are a thing of the past, although we're not far off it at the moment. We are both just happy with the way things are going. We love this area, this is why we wanted to be here, it's getting better all the time and hopefully we have contributed to that."

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BROTHERS IN ARMS: Baz and Graeme Phillips run their own brewery and pub in Leeds.



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COMMENT

Notre-Dame will rise again

York Minster’s symbol of hope

THE SYMBOLISM was striking as photographs emerged of the giant cross still in place on the altar of the iconic Notre-Dame cathedral hours after a devastating blaze left this historic building in ruins. On the eve of Easter and spiritual events to mark Christ’s resurrection, its very survival has been likened to a miracle and become a symbol of hope for a shattered France – and all those who cherish world heritage sites – as thoughts turn to the restoration of this 850-year-old cathedral. Now bereft of the historic medieval timbers that lined the Notre-Dame’s roof, known as la foret, and which were the backdrop to so much history and trauma through the ages, the French should draw great comfort from the outpouring of compassion around the world as flames engulfed a place of worship visited by 12 million people a year. And the fact that the foundations of the cathedral were unyielding, and withstood such a ferocious

inferno, is testament to the remarkable craftsmanship which existed nine centuries ago, provides further hope that the Paris skyline will not be altered irrevocably. Thanks to the brilliance of French firefighters, and all those staff who risked their lives to retrieve priceless antiquities, the Notre-Dame can – and will – rise from the ashes while retaining much of its allure. This reassurance can be offered following the painstaking restoration of York Minster following its lightning strike in 1984, and the more recent conservation of its landmark Great East Window, as well as the work that took place at Windsor Castle after a fire in 1992. Both were restored to an exemplary standard by the skills of those craftspeople whose expertise will be invaluable to the Parisian authorities in the weeks, months and years to come. And if this *entente* helps Anglo-French relations that have been made fraught by Brexit, so much the better.

Post Bank credit

Labour’s key plan for high streets

EVEN THOUGH Rebecca Long Bailey was plucked from relative obscurity when she joined Jeremy Corbyn’s top team as Shadow Business Secretary, she has become one of the more serious political figures of this Parliament. Entrusted by her leader to take part in cross-party talks between Labour and the Government over Brexit, the Shadow Cabinet member has also been at the forefront of the debate over the future of high streets. An issue which continues to be highlighted by *The Yorkshire Post*, Ms Long Bailey has actually had the foresight to come up with a policy plan of her own which extends beyond the daily and routine criticism of Government ministers. Outlined in today’s newspaper, Ms Long Bailey proposes the creation of a Post Bank which would have 349 branches in Yorkshire alone and effectively give

the Post Office the financial freedom to offer a greater range of banking services than at present. She believes it will offer a lifeline to those communities which do depend on the physical existence of post offices and banks to access money and so on. As she writes: “Some people say online banking can fill their place, but 3.8 million UK households do not have internet at home and 12 million people live in rural or remote areas with poor internet access.” Yet, while opponents will argue that Labour has no place running financial services, Ms Long Bailey’s plan should be used now as the starting point for an immediate cross-party debate about the future of town centres. It would also be the responsible course of action. For, if not, the rate of closures will only accelerate and cause even more damage to high streets.

Arts awareness

National Lottery’s game-changer

THE ECONOMIC impact of wider investment in arts and culture should be set in the context of John Major’s decision 25 years ago to press ahead with the National Lottery in the face of considerable opposition. As well as providing support for cultural projects, in addition to the preservation of national heritage and greater investment in sport, its advent has certainly helped to renew public interest in culture and its wider value to local communities. And the legacy, a quarter

of a century later, is arts now being integral to the regeneration of towns and cities from the presence of globally-acclaimed attractions, like The Hepworth Wakefield, to Hull’s year-long City of Culture celebrations. These examples – and many more – would have been unthinkable without the impetus generated by the National Lottery. And Yorkshire would be all the poorer, both economically and socially, without a cultural offering which is now the envy of the world.

Brexit is too important to concede to ‘grandad knows best’

From: ME Wright, Harrogate.
LIKE Tom Richmond, I watched Sir Bill Cash’s finger-jabbing declamation on Oliver Cromwell in wonderment; half-hoping that he might explode. Fortunately, Cromwell’s head ended up on the block (*The Yorkshire Post*, April 13). Thanks to Hilary Benn for respecting the gravity of the situation and acting calmly but firmly. If he were in a different Labour Party place, might we have an Opposition worthy of the name? On April 11, Jayne Dowle gave

us a timely reminder that Brexit is far more than conceding that “grandad knows best” to a broad spectrum of Cash-style views expressed in this and other columns. In 2016, David Cameron chose to gamble with the nation’s long-term future and that of his party, in his abject failure to get a grip on his right wing. Many Brexiteers recoil in horror at the prospect of a “United States of Europe”. Is it really so strange that our children and grandchildren see themselves as part of a changing EU evolving on those lines? It

sounds most tempting when set against being even further subsumed and dominated by the United States of America which, for millions, is far from being the heaven on Earth which Hollywood and TV would have us believe. **From: Thomas Jefferson,** Batty Lane, Howden, Goole.
WHAT a disappointing article by Tom Richmond. Instead of dealing with the substance of the issue of Parliament seizing control of Brexit from the Government, thereby reducing

the Prime Minister to the status of messenger, he highlights the trite put-down by Labour MP Hilary Benn of Tory MP Sir Bill Cash, who was addressing the serious constitutional consequences of such actions. Describing the latter as a bully and dinosaur is not helpful. Then we have the mischievous accusation that the Leavers had no credible plan for Brexit. The obvious plan, which would have respected the red lines of all parties and was offered more than once by the EU, was for a Canada-style free trade agreement, which

could have been accompanied by tariff-free trade during negotiations, thereby avoiding a cliff-edge departure. The Northern Irish border issue is soluble with the “sincere co-operation” we are entitled to expect under the treaties, but which has been absent because the matter has been “weaponised” in an attempt to make Brexit seem impossible. A new Tory leader could raise us from the torpor of the current debacle and get this matter resolved, as described, in a way that no reasonable democrat could object to.

Feedback

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Blaze devastates Notre-Dame cathedral in Paris

Andrew Ellis. Truly awful evening, so sad. 850 years and stood through so much. Now gone. I had hoped it would be like the York Minster fire but this is far worse.

Sally Cakebread. Hope the British Government will learn from this. All buildings over 800 years old need special protection. Plus HS2 must be scrapped now due to the destruction that it would do to our heritage.

Yvonne Pickersgill. So sad, all that history.

Kathy Townsend. History just disappearing.

Caroline Howarth. Devastating. Hope they can save as much as possible.

Clare Marie. Heartbreaking – such a beautiful iconic building.

Elizabeth Smith. So, so devastating.

Margaret Hibbitt. This is so devastating.

Linda Stuchbury. Oh so devastating and tragic.

Ann Ward. So awful to watch. Devastated.

Jo Dobie. Does anyone know how it started?

Jonathan Davies. Such a beautiful building in a city I love.

Jan Barrell. Tragic.

Christina Rendle. So very beautiful – hope it can be rebuilt.

Maxine Emery. Terrible.

Barbara Robertshaw. What a tragedy.

Sheila Ognissanti. Makes me think of York Minster.

Tim Beaumont. So sad – such a wonderful building.

Janet McDonald. A stunning cathedral devastated by fire.

Linda Laurence. That is just awful, how sad.

Mollie Walker. So, so sad. Such a humbling experience visiting this beautiful building.

Margaret Eyre. What a calamity. On a par with Windsor Castle.


Trish Hickey. A sad day for France and its historic virtues.

Stewart Potter. So sad – an absolutely magnificent cathedral.

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Project Fear has affected political class

From: Bernard Barr, York.

BILL Carmichael hits the nail on the head twice over when he writes (*The Yorkshire Post*, April 12) that ‘our political class [including the civil servants who advise the politicians] ... say leaving is too difficult’. They contend that a total exit from the EU would lead to excessive difficulties for us all, but the fact is that it would be also be too difficult for the politicians and civil servants to work out what to do. My daughter, who has long experience of working in business finance in London and New York, finds that the difference between the two is that whereas in New York the approach to a new task is to seek the best way to tackle the situation, in London the approach is to ask what was done in similar cases in the past. The London-based civil servants have so long been following precedent that they have lost the intellectual keenness with which they once entered the profession after the Oxbridge first class degrees with which many of them began. No wonder that they have consistently backed Remain – by remaining in the EU they know what to do by following existing practice, without the need to apply their atrophied minds to think constructively about a situation which they fear would be difficult for them to adjust to. Project Fear thus has two meanings too – the intended fear instilled in the public, and the mandarins’ own fear of having to create new methods.

From: Keith Punshon, Willow Bridge Lane, Dalton, Thirsk.

POLITICIANS are using every trick in the book to ignore voters. Remember David Cameron’s fair-voting legislation, so that every person’s vote carries equal weight? With some constituencies numbering 40,000 voters to the Isle of Wight’s 110,000, it was clear years ago that some voters were more equal than others. Nothing has changed. Remainer MPs are relying on another referendum to save their skins. On the one hand they represent their constituents’ views by overruling them, as they know better. On the other hand, they now want a referendum so that voters cannot deliver their judgement on the allegiance of their MP to manifesto promises in a general election. They are saving their own skins. The Remainers are banking on Brenda of Bristol whose response to the 2017 election “You’re joking...what...another one?” will get them off the hook. The likes of Anna Soubry MP are hoping folk are so fed up with politicians, and ignored results, that only Remainer voters will turn up when many working



DANNY ROSE: The Spurs and England player has done much to confront racism in football.

class folk realise that their votes are worthless. And the question we will face in a new referendum? To remain shackled to the EU with Mrs May’s deal watered down by Labour, or Remain? They will ensure leaving the EU is not on the ballot. They didn’t like the result last time. Power belongs to political parties and the Establishment, and don’t they know it?

From: Michael Meadowcroft, Former Liberal MP for Leeds West.

THERE are key errors in the recent pre-election statement of the Cabinet Officer Minister, Chloe Smith, which defends the introduction of the requirement to produce ID evidence before voting in a number of areas next month (*The Yorkshire Post*, April 11). It is incorrect to state that the present voting procedure “is an identity check from the 19th century, based on the assumption that everybody in the community knows each other”. In fact, it was based on the very different assumption that the candidates and parties were sufficiently well organised and entrenched in their communities to enable them to know their patch. The safeguard against impersonation was the provision for each candidate to appoint polling agents to stand within the polling station equipped with the electoral register and having the authority to challenge any apparently fake voter. That provision still exists but is rarely used today. A further safeguard is that the marked register, showing who voted – but not, of course, how they voted – is available for a time after the election so that it can be checked as to whether any deceased or absent electors actually voted. Finally, if a registered elector goes to the polling station and

is denied their vote, including if they have already been crossed off as having already voted, they can still vote with a coloured “tendered” ballot which is kept separate and only included if it would affect the result. My granddaughter used this provision at last May’s election. Our 19th century forebears did, in fact, go to extreme lengths to ensure the security of the ballot. By contrast substituting individual for household registration, and demanding ID evidence, whilst apparently logical, actually reduces the number of electors able to exercise their democratic rights. If the Government really wishes to make the ballot more secure, then it should abolish postal votes, as the French did in 1974, and replace them with the greater availability of proxy voting and with the mobile ballot box, as used in a number of new democracies. Once the ballot paper is outside the polling station, it is not secure.

Hypocrisy in racism fight

From: George Marsden, Pledwick Lane, Wakefield.

BRADFORD MP Imran Hussain wants to eradicate racism (*The Yorkshire Post*, April 11). So why does he sit alongside Parliamentary colleagues, and in a party, which refuses to denounce the disgusting anti-Semitic stance of some of its membership?

From: Andrew Mercer, Guiseley.

THE confidence of footballers like Raheem Sterling and Danny Rose to confront racism is doing far more good than statements by our mealy-mouthed politicians. Do others agree?

Powerhouse rail project will lead to division

From: Nigel Davies, London.

I REFER to the thought-provoking piece by Jayne Dowle on HS2 and the recent commentary from Liz Truss, Chief Secretary to the Treasury (*The Yorkshire Post*, April 15). Most certainly, I wholeheartedly agree with Jayne Dowle that it is vital that

Northern Powerhouse Rail (“NPR”) is supported in full, together with hugely improved regional infrastructure of all types of transport. However I fear that the approach of Ms Truss will lead to further division in the UK, as it is actually a continuation of a policy continuing to plough investment into London and the South East,

with scant funding left for other parts of the UK. Ms Truss has hinted that she is against HS2. No doubt, this will go down well with the party faithful in her leadership campaign. Ms Truss has stated that she is keen for investment such as for the “odd level crossing, nitty gritty schemes etc”. This is hardly showing any

ambition for regions which have been starved of investment for decades. The national funding is available, and Judith Blake, the Labour leader of Leeds City Council, is correct in saying that the North should not take a step backwards, and continue with ambitious plans for HS3, NPR and HS2 because it is not a case of either/or.

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LEADERSHIP MATERIAL: Would former Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson make a better successor to Prime Minister Theresa May?

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May's successor will need clear vision and iron will

SHE'S POLITICALLY dead, they say, but she won't lie down. Good for Theresa May. Her epic stance against widespread stupidity and irresponsibility at home and in Europe is demonstrating, among other things, that British politics has an endless supply of masochists.

They are falling over themselves to succeed her. But who in their right mind would want to, given the party's maltreatment of Margaret Thatcher and John Major, and then ridding itself in quick succession rid itself of William Hague, Iain Duncan Smith and Michael Howard?

Let me first examine the task before a new leader. It is said that he or she must be a Leaver but how on earth anyone – Leaver or Remainer – is going to unite the Conservatives is a mystery, whatever Boris Johnson says about a burst of unity and dynamism after Brexit.

The irresponsibility of MPs is breathtaking with Britain's democracy menaced by a Marxist mob, rampant immigration, Islamic terrorism, Europe in turmoil, America with a volatile president, Vladimir Putin coveting Eastern Europe and dedicated to the destabilisation of the West and China on the unsettling rise.

We need a Moses to lead the UK, still intact in the face of Scottish, Welsh and Irish nationalism, out of the EU to the promised land and a Solomon with the wisdom to lay down what the Tories



Bernard Ingham

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stand for in the 21st century. Their problem is not just a botched Brexit but what they actually believe in.

They may always have been a broad church – witness the hostility of some to Mrs Thatcher's reforms – but their appeal has generally been a belief in the British people through working with the grain of human nature and conserving the best, based on financial prudence at home, limited government and the effective control of the wilder shores of capitalism.

The present lot are not prudent enough, given that Gordon Brown's monumental £153bn budget deficit is still not eradicated after nine years and their approach to enterprise and assorted services blurred, partly by too much obeisance to the often idiotic forces of political correctness.

To my certain knowledge, we have known for more than 30 years that more money does not solve the NHS's problem of coping with an ageing and rising population, driven substantially by uncontrolled immigration, and the exponential development of treatments. Yet that is where Chancellor Philip Hammond proposes to chuck the so-called Brexit bonus.

Before a penny of that is handed over, a sensible government would demand greater efficiency in the use of resources and see it is delivered. The same goes for local government which has been overspending for decades, not least on councillors and executives, while blaming central government for a lack of resources.

The welfare system, it seems, is expected to ease the life and conscience of the elderly's families in this era of record prosperity – repeat prosperity, not austerity – but is not working well for the old folk. It lacks the smack of firm government.

Education is frankly a liability because it is not generally turning out robust, rounded and well-educated youngsters ready to earn their living. And higher education has been taken over by the Left and students' unions by pathetic snowflakes.

We need far more parental responsibility within a much tougher law and order system if we are to

tame the criminal classes who have multiplied with the general lack of societal discipline linked with advancing technology.

As for national security, we have an understaffed military to go with the neglect of domestic affairs latterly because of Brexit.

And anyone concerned about national security knows that we have not had an energy policy worthy of the name for 30 years. All this ignorant banning of gas in new houses – and loose talk about electric cars – utterly ignores where the power is coming from.

In short, we are in a hell of a mess, with no remotely acceptable alternative to the Tories in Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn who could only be relied upon to ensure national disaster.

I am the first to admit that no one knows who will make a good Prime Minister until they get the job. But looking at the seemingly endless list of candidates to replace Mrs May fills me with gloom. Is there anyone capable of facing up to the need to engineer a new, secure, prosperous Britain that works?

He or she needs clarity of vision and an iron will to succeed against the odds. Let me know if you can identify a combination of Moses and Solomon. I need cheering up.

Publicly-owned banking system is way forward

IMAGINE IF banks worked for you. Imagine if your local bank was tasked with making sure everyone had access to banking services and that small businesses got investment.

Imagine if that local bank was located right on your high street because your local post office was now also a branch of the country's biggest and most helpful banking chain: the Post Bank.

Of course, that's not – yet – how things are. Instead, the banks are understandably distrusted. They crashed in 2008 because they weren't regulated properly, plunging the country into recession and causing hardship to hundreds of thousands of people in the UK.

Labour avoided a global economic catastrophe by preventing a further crash but the incoming Conservative-led coalition refused to fix the structural issues in our economy, which caused the damage in the first place. Instead they slashed public services.

Ten years on and I'm afraid to say not much has changed.

The UK economy is still over-reliant on London, on financial services and the banking system. It still does not work in the interests of people and ordinary businesses.

One and a half million adults do not have a bank account in the UK and those that do are finding it harder and harder to access banking services.

Nowhere is that more shockingly clear than on the high street.

The UK has lost nearly two-thirds of its bank and building society branches over the past 30 years.

For nearly a fifth of us now, it's a full two miles from home to our nearest branch.

In Yorkshire alone, almost 300 bank branches have closed in just over three years.

Some people say online banking can fill their place, but 3.8 million UK households do not have internet at home and 12 million people live in rural or remote areas with poor internet access.

Banking online isn't a credible options for many: they need high street banks.

Another key reason that our high streets are failing is large post offices have also been disappearing.

The Government owns the Post Office but it has pursued a 'modernisation programme' that has involved closing down standalone post office branches, and popping a post office counter in a retail store.

The last five years has seen the number of the largest post offices plummet by 40 per cent.

Bank branch and post office closures threaten our high streets and deprive communities of an essential service and damage the local economy – and some of the rural towns and



Rebecca Long Bailey

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villages of Yorkshire have been hit especially hard.

That is why Labour is proposing a new way to bank – a publicly-owned banking system that will tackle financial exclusion, provide small businesses with the finance they need, secure the future of the Post Office and ensure these anchors of the high street are here to stay.

Labour's Post Bank will be run through the post office network.

Turning post offices into banks on our high streets will ensure every community has easy access to face-to-face, trusted and affordable banking.

We will create 349 Post Bank branches in Yorkshire, and 10 times that number around the country, giving the Post Bank the largest network of all UK banks.

It will offer banking services to individuals and relationship banking with small businesses

“ In Yorkshire alone, almost 300 bank branches have closed in just over three years. ”

as one of the faces of our regional development banks.

As well as the Post Bank, Labour will create a £250bn National Investment Bank that will lend to small businesses and make sure overdue infrastructure upgrades actually happen.

A network of Regional Development Banks around the country will fund and invest in small and medium-sized businesses, they will make sure the infrastructure we all rely on gets built and they will support innovation so our economy gets upgraded and the industries of the future benefit our children.

Labour is going to fundamentally reform the UK's banking system, ensuring everyone can access to finance and supporting our economy to grow in a sustainable way.

Banks don't have a great reputation, but we rightly trust and cherish our post offices. Labour's Post Bank will save our languishing post offices, and make sure that high street banking is for the many, not the few.

TV GUIDE: Seven-day television and radio listings – Every Saturday in The Yorkshire Post Magazine

Deposits can help tackle litter mountain

YOU ONLY have to take one look at our country lanes and hedgerows, parks and town centres to know that littered bottles and cans are a huge problem. Not only are they unsightly, wasteful and a threat to wildlife, but many of them are washed into our streams, rivers and waterways, and eventually our oceans, where the damage they cause is now well-documented.

Last year, in just two hours, CPRE's Green Clean collected over 2,150 littered bottles and cans in a small part of central Sheffield alone – just a snapshot of a pollution crisis that we saw repeated across the country.

A well-designed deposit return system will go a long way to preventing this harmful blight on our natural world by introducing a small, but effective, financial incentive for people to return the containers for recycling. Surely that's something everyone can get behind?

Unfortunately, it's not that simple. Powerful vested interests in the packaging, waste management and drinks industries don't want to see a threat to their profits, or take financial responsibility for the waste they create.

And it's clear why. The onus for cleaning up our green spaces, towns, cities and countryside often falls on cash-strapped local councils with little



Maddy Houghton-Boakes

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money to spare for essential services, let alone effective waste and recycling systems.

In contrast, drinks and packaging companies have enjoyed a free ride. Last year, the packaging industry paid only £73m towards the clean-up costs of dealing with its products, while taxpayers were left to foot the remaining 93 per cent of the £1bn bill.

Drinks container production continues to rise, whilst our recycling rates are static or declining. Drinks companies try to look like their doing they're bit by printing '100 per cent recyclable' on their cans or bottles, but

it is not enough. Our recycling systems need an overhaul, and the companies that are so intent on flooding our lives with single-use drinks containers need to pay their fair share.

The good news is that the Government recognises this, and is stepping in to solve the problem by committing to introduce a deposit return system on cans and bottles

These systems are well-established and successful in many places across the world, and countries with these systems manage to achieve recycling rates in excess of 95 per cent. But many parts of the packaging industry are intent on scuppering these plans in England, or watering them down to such an extent that they will prove ineffective.

We've been here before. In 1981, a Bill was introduced in the House of Lords to ensure we have a deposit system but it was narrowly rejected, with peers such as Lord Sainsbury voting against it.

Vested interests from the packaging, retail and drinks industries lobbied ferociously to prevent the burden for dealing with litter from shifting from the public 'to those who caused it – those who made, sold and bought the products'. Once again we see companies putting

their profits before pollution. To secure victory, industry promised 'voluntary action' to deal with the waste it was generating. Almost 40 years on, the scale of our litter crisis is clear evidence that that they have not kept their promise.

The Government has a huge opportunity to learn from the mistakes of the past and introduce an effective deposit return system that will reduce litter, increase recycling and shift the financial burden of dealing with our waste to those who created it in the first place.

We're urging Environment Secretary, Michael Gove, to introduce a scheme that collects and accepts all bottles, cans and cartons of all sizes, creating a system that will boost our recycling industry, create jobs and be paid for by producers.

Litter is not just an environmental problem. It evokes so many emotions – from anger to despair – and creates real barriers between people and places, preventing us from enjoying and connecting with our beautiful countryside.

By delivering the best possible deposit system, this connection can be restored, and decades of allowing producers to escape the costs of their products can be reversed.

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PICK OF THE DAY

ENTERTAINMENT CHOICE

Chimerica

CHANNEL 4, 9PM

Powerful four-part drama series about an American photojournalist accused of doctoring one of his award-winning photographs. In the first episode, photojournalist Lee Berger's coverage of the conflict in Syria makes the front page, but crisis hits his career when a journalist exposes to the world that the image has been digitally manipulated. Alessandro Nivola, Daphne Cheung, Ty Simpkins, Tao Deng and Philip Arditti.



Picture perfect: Alessandro Nivola stars in the new drama series.

FACTUAL CHOICE

Location, Location, Location

CHANNEL 4, 8PM

Kirstie Allsopp helps Rachael and Mark in Woking search for a new home. The pair are renting, but are desperate to put their money into their own home before the arrival of their second child. Meanwhile, Phil heads to Guildford to assist Indu and Jason. The couple want a project, but with a second child due in a matter of months, they do not want to buy somewhere that would require too much work.

FILM CHOICE

Eddie the Eagle

FILM4, 9PM

Biopic of British sporting underdog Eddie Edwards. Determined to fulfil his dreams of becoming an Olympic athlete, Edwards trains as a ski jumper - a field in which Britain had no other competitors. He secures a place in the 1988 Winter Olympics, where his can-do attitude makes him a media sensation in the face of a losing streak. Starring Taron Egerton, Hugh Jackman, Christopher Walken, Jo Hartley and Tim McInnerny.



Slippery slope: Taron Egerton stars in the biopic of Eddie Edwards.

SPORT CHOICE

Live Royal London One-Day Cup Cricket

SKY SPORTS CRICKET, 12.30PM

Kent v Hampshire. Coverage of the South Group match from The Spitfire Ground in Canterbury. These sides contested last year's final at Lord's, with Hampshire prevailing by 61 runs with the help of a fine innings of 125 from South African Rilee Rossouw. However, Kent recorded victory by just one run when the sides met at the Ageas Bowl during the group stage.

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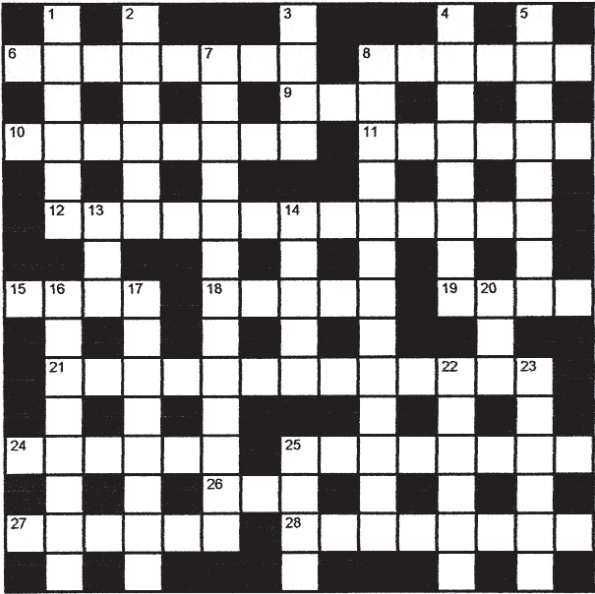
CROSSWORD
Peter Chamberlain No. 745

ACROSS

- 6 From square, hurried with Queensland’s openers and the Italian being calm (8)
- 8 Randy broadcast boastful talk (3,3)
- 9 Pastureland surrounding river (3)
- 10 Untidiness, it’s a complaint (8)
- 11 Plaza least likely environment for bloomer (6)
- 12 About 30 years of misunderstanding? (10,3)
- 15 Pest removed in one’s stride (4)
- 18 Look with anger at flower (5)
- 19 Armoured vehicle in reservoir (4)
- 21 Make a special effort to make a detour (2,3,2,3,3)
- 24 Treasure in one sign overhead (6)
- 25 Preliminary statement given by prior to walker losing both of his rights (8)
- 26 And not this way in a foreign country (3)
- 27 Pull out wine hidden in pipes (6)
- 28 Ripe and ready for use during three months of the year (2,6)

DOWN

- 1 Cooking in oil young fish in German capital (6)
- 2 Some gentlemen jointly order with authority (6)
- 3 Smudge most of blue and red initially (4)
- 4 Frank removed shirt tag (8)
- 5 Surprisingly new dope I exposed to attack (4-4)



- 7 Noted lurching performing in bare essentials only? (13)
- 8 Completely in love somersaulting this (4,4,5)
- 13 Flower going up and down! (3)
- 14 One of a thick bunch of criminals? (5)
- 16 Get-up-and-go losing article disguised, dressed in fancy clothing (6-2)
- 17 Fruitful for 50 provided 99 follow (8)

- 20 Commander once more not available (3)
- 22 Deep cavity at last for marsupial (6)
- 23 White-livered and chicken-hearted (6)
- 25 Prude, one who is greedy right to be included (4)

DAILY TRIVIA

- 1 Richard Hannay is the hero in which John Buchan novel?
- 2 Which comedy duo appeared in Doctor Who and tried their hand at straight acting in the 1994 crime drama, A Pinch Of Snuff?
- 3 Automatically Sunshine gave which female US act a 1972 UK top ten hit?
- 4 Where in the human body

- would you find your vomer bone?
- 5 Bell’s Vireo is a medium-sized what?
- 6 Which pop act featured in a 1968 movie called Head?
- 7 Who plays the femme fatale who betrayed Burt Lancaster in his screen debut in The Killers ...?

- 8 ... And in which year was the film released?
- 9 Where in Europe could you visit the port of Trieste?
- 10 The Siachen Glacier, one of the longest in the world, can be found in NW India. True or false?

SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9.

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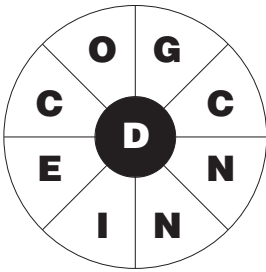
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NO. 5147 HARD

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HUBWORD

Find as many four-letter words and above as you can using the letters in the wheel. You must use the hub letter in each word, and you need to find one nine-letter word.



WHO'S THAT?

Unscramble the anagrams to reveal the names of three famous people. We give you a clue to help

- 1 KING HENRY RISES**
(German-born US statesman)
- 2 GROWS IN AND BORED**
(Tough guy actor)
- 3 SWANKILY LASH**
(Paddington actress)

SUMITUP

Each row and column is an equation, and you use the numbers 1 to 9 to complete the equations. Each number is used only once. Remember – multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

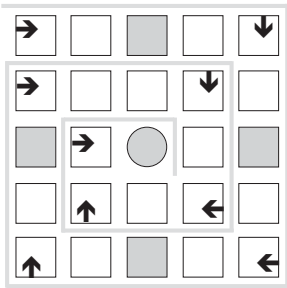
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ROUTEWORD

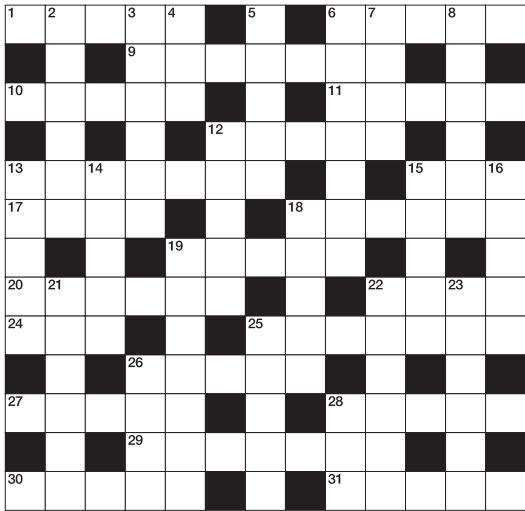
Work clockwise round the grid from the top left hand corner, using the last letter of the first word to start the next. The shaded letters spell out the routeword, so if you get stuck they should give you a kick-start.

- 1) Snare (4)
- 2) Sticking out (5)
- 3) Wandered slowly (7)
- 4) Made less bright (6)
- 5) Spinning top thrown in the air (7)

Clue: **Sound**



QUICK CROSSWORD No. 9333



ACROSS

1. Draconian (5)
6. Financial inducement (5)
9. Any fabric or cloth (7)
10. Pinafore (5)
11. Cooking bulb (5)
12. Lump of grass and earth (5)
13. Woman who serves drinks (7)
15. --- Danson, actor (3)
17. Plant type (4)
18. Venerate (6)
19. Alcoholic drink (5)
20. Belief (6)
22. To support (4)
24. That woman (3)
25. Studies (7)
26. Circular coral reef (5)
27. Nimble (5)
28. Public telephone booth (5)
29. Windpipe (7)
30. Fiend (5)
31. Lustre (5)

DOWN

2. Seem or look (6)
3. Tempests (6)
4. Female bird (3)
5. Sober and steady (5)
6. Loaf type (7)
7. Tenant’s payment (4)
8. Bar or pub (6)
12. Any figure 1 to 9 (5)
13. Female dog (5)
14. Amazon, for example (5)
15. American state (5)
16. School furniture items (5)
18. Wallow (5)
19. Water tank (7)
21. Bob Marley’s music (6)
22. Interment (6)
23. Stops (6)
25. To situate (5)
26. Male voice (4)
28. Small barrel (3)

SOLUTION TO QUICK PUZZLE NO. 9332: Across: 3 Cheap; 8 Penny; 10 Besom; 11 Fir; 12 Broad; 13 Belated; 15 Calls; 18 Van; 19 Mulish; 21 Reneges; 22 Haul; 23 Melt; 24 Pioneer; 26 Albert; 29 Dan; 31 Diana; 32 Fertile; 34 Tiber; 35 Ill; 36 Sides; 37 Joker; 38 Ready. Down: 1 Defer; 2 Unravel; 4 Hard; 5 Abacus; 6 Pedal; 7 Goals; 9 Nil; 12 Benefit; 14 Tan; 16 Liver; 17 Shuts; 19 Meander; 20 Ahead; 21 Rumba; 23 Mention; 24 Praise; 25 Ear; 27 Licit; 28 Enter; 30 Alley; 32 Feed; 33 Ilk.

Today’s puzzle solutions will be printed tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS Yesterday’s puzzles

Daily Trivia: 1 Evel Knievel; 2 1920s (1927); 3 Oxford; 4 2015; 5 The British Council; 6 Cairo; 7 Poet’s Corner, Westminster Abbey; 8 Lyon; 9 Lisa Stansfield; 10 1989.

Who’s That?: 1 Napoléon Bonaparte; 2 Chuck Berry; 3 Drake.

Routeword: 1) Rotating; 2) Garish; 3) Heron; 4) Notice; 5) Etch. Routeword: Ranch.

Initially Yours: The Day We Caught The Train; Oh Boy; Shazam!; Peppa Pig: Festival of Fun; Blue Planet Live.

Hubword: Did you beat the Hubmaster, whose list included – Cram, Crams, Farm, Farms, Mans, Mantra, Mars, Mart, Mast, Rams, Scam, Smart, Tarmac, Tram. Hubword – CRAFTSMAN.

Sum it up: 765; 894; 123.

SUDOKU No 5146 EASY

5	8	7	1	2	4	3	9	6
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No 5146 HARD

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INITIALLY YOURS

Film, TV, radio, song or book? They could be any of these, so it’s your task to give each title in full.

- ACS** – Debut UK Top Ten hit for Johnny Mathis
- SU** – Keep quiet say Madness
- RJ** – Dench as woman accused of spying
- WP** – Animation set in amusement park
- M,MAMF** – Barristers investigate historical crimes

DATELINE

April 17

1860: The first world title fight took place near Farnborough, Hants, when Tom Sayers took on American John Heenan. After 37 rounds - two hours and 27 minutes - the match was declared a draw.

1937: A British attendance record at a football match was set when 149,547 people watched Scotland v England at Hampden Park, Glasgow.

1956: Premium Bonds were launched.

1960: US rock star Eddie Cochran died in a car crash near Chippenham while on tour with Gene Vincent.

1961: An attempt by Cuban exiles and US forces to invade Cuba at the Bay of Pigs, and overthrow Castro’s Communist regime, was repulsed.

1984: Pc Yvonne Fletcher was shot dead outside the Libyan People’s Bureau in central London. She had been policing a small demonstration outside the embassy.

2013: Margaret Thatcher’s funeral was held at St.Paul’s Cathedral.

BIRTHDAYS

Henry Kelly, DJ and game show host, 73; **Jan Hammer**, composer, 71; **Olivia Hussey**, actress, 68; **Nick Hornby**, novelist, 62; **Sean Bean**, actor, 60; **Muttiah Muralitharan**, former cricketer, 47; **Victoria Beckham**, singer, fashion designer, businesswoman, 45; **Rooney Mara**, actress, 34.

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POLICE ADVICE on what a public meeting of Sheffield Council should be told about their plans to send dozens of officers to attend the authority's controversial tree-felling operations to deal with protesters remains largely secret.

An operation by South Yorkshire Police to send large numbers of officers to oversee controversial street tree-felling work and ensure demonstrators did not breach a civil injunction pre-

venting them from entering work zones was launched in February last year after clashes between protesters and private security guards hired by council contractor Amey in January led to allegations of assault being made by both sides.

Partially-redacted transcripts of planning meetings between the police, Sheffield Council and Amey have been released to *The Yorkshire Post* under Freedom of Information laws and have revealed how the three parties jointly planned a communications strategy despite the force insisting publicly it was com-

pletely impartial in the matter. They have also shown that police intended to push for prosecutions of arrested protesters due to the costs of sending officers to operations.

It can now also be revealed that in one meeting on February 5 last year an unidentified person asked what could be said "from my side" at a monthly council meeting due to take place two days later. One sentence of reply from a senior police officer has been made public followed by almost a page of redacted conversation.

The transcripts show the per-

son said: "It's for me to have an understanding really of what I can sort of say because I will be asked about this [inaudible] what we are doing and... it's gone beyond peaceful protest. It's what [redacted] is saying, can they allude to there are instances of what could be criminality? I am

I am just trying to understand what I can say.

Unidentified person, talking to police about Sheffield Council meeting.

just trying to understand what I can say because I don't want to say anything because it will just get thrown back at us and there will be baying and shouting from the gallery."

Superintendent Paul McCurry replies: "We have certainly used a line that we are investigating criminal offences and when I go into our comms team in a second, we will talk about the offences."

This is then followed by almost a full page of redactions before someone says "[...] really clear and I will just come over to [redacted] just to talk about what the police's comms might look like."

Police have said redactions have made to protect legal privilege and that investigations "may still be continuing". But *The Yorkshire Post* has subsequently been told there are no outstanding cases relating to the operation.

Sheffield Council today refused to answer questions about the identity of the council representative and whether it was a councillor, as well as what the level of co-operation between the council, the police and Amey was during the operation.

Minutes from the February 7 council meeting show that in answer to questions about tree

work being put on hold following the clashes the previous month, Councillor Bryan Lodge, the then-cabinet member for environment and streetscene, said the pause "was the result of a review taking place and given concerns regarding safety". The minutes say he then added: "As regards the reports of injuries, the police were investigating a number of allegations of assault and if there was evidence of criminal activity, this should be handed to the police. Amey was assessing the risk as regards the safety of members of the public, protesters, workers, stewards and the police."

No extra policing for world cycle race

A NORTH Yorkshire council has been told there will be no additional police support when it hosts an international cycling event expected to attract up to 250,000 spectators.

Police say they will stretch their resources across the region instead to tackle the slight rise in crime predicted when Harrogate welcomes the UCI Road World Championships for nine days from September 21.

Members of a Harrogate Borough Council scrutiny committee were advised of North Yorkshire Police's position during a briefing by Inspector Steve Breen, of the Harrogate Rural Team.

During questions, Liberal Democrat leader Pat Marsh had asked whether local police would receive additional support from neighbouring districts.

Insp Breen said managing the event would be done solely by the local authority, with the local policing teams set to utilise all their available resources.

"In terms of community policing, it's up to me and Inspector Penny Taylor to make the best of it," Insp Breen said. "No one's getting any leave, no one's getting any days off."

Insp Breen said that pre-emptive police work conducted so far had led them to anticipate a temporary rise across all crime categories during the course of the cycling championships.

"A little bit more of everything is the general analysis," Insp Breen said. "We're not expecting a huge rise in any one particular crime."

He added that the overall rise could solely be attributed to the "huge volume of people" visiting the district for the event.



SPRING DELIGHT: Harrogate artist Anna Whitehouse at the Himalayan Garden with her sculpture of two giant spheres, adorned with hundreds of pollen grains entitled 'Rhodi Torana'.

PICTURES: GERARD BINKS

Garden's new sculptures will complement spring flowers

A NEWLY commissioned sculpture will provide a new setting for what is believed to be the North's largest collection of spring rhododendrons.

Harrogate artist Anna Whitehouse has created two giant spheres adorned with hundreds of pollen grains sculptured from clay, at Yorkshire's Himalayan Garden and Sculpture Park, near Masham. Visitors will be able to

see her finishing the work over the next few days.

She said: "I knew that the garden had this huge collection of rhododendrons and I wanted to create something that celebrated that and invited viewers into the fascinating, microscopic world of pollen grains, which is something I've been working with for a couple of years."

The artwork marks a new

path which lets visitors view the rhododendron collections at close proximity for the first time.

It is among more than 80 sculptures spread over 45 acres at the garden, which also has an open-air gallery, arboretum and three lakes.

Peter Roberts, who created the gardens with his wife, Caroline, said: "The planting enhances our large art collection and we add more features every year."

Hospital workers protest after contractors change their pay dates

A PROTEST will be held today by hospital workers who say they will be left struggling to make ends meet after a private contractor changed their pay dates.

Members of the GMB union will gather at Barnsley Hospital as part of their dispute with ISS, an outsourcing firm which em-

ploys porters, cleaners and catering staff at the site.

The union said changes to the pay cycles of weekly-waged workers at the South Yorkshire hospital mean they will not be paid anything between April 18 and May 9, a gap of four full weeks.

The company has been offer-

ing "bridging loans" to its workers to cover the shortfall until they next receive their wages.

GMB organiser Stacey Booth said: "These brutal pay cycle changes are going to send some of the lowest paid people at the hospital into a terrifying spiral of debt. GMB members are deal-

ing with the fallout from an ISS payroll system not fit for the 21st century.

"Our members, the people who keep these hospitals running, are offered an online bridging loan so they can keep a roof over their heads and feed themselves."

ISS said it was aware that the

changes meant some employees waiting longer for their pay than they currently do.

The company said in a statement: "We are therefore offering all impacted employees interest-free loans to help smooth the wait and to ensure that individuals have the financial support they

need. Local managers are having proactive one-to-one discussions with their employees to ensure that our people receive the financial and emotional support to meet their specific needs.

"ISS will not withhold any money that is payable to any employee."

Skills Bank, which runs across the Sheffield City Region, matches private sector investment with public funding to help businesses invest in training to improve productivity.

It is being provided by Calderdale College as part of the City Region's Growth Hub.

Trade delegation aims to build on Sheffield's links with China

REPRESENTATIVES FROM nine Sheffield businesses have travelled to China in a bid to held cement relationships between the two countries.

The city's council China 88 export acceleration programme, which provides business support and business contacts in China to Sheffield firms, organised the trade delegation, which featured companies in the digital, creative and food and drink sectors.

The companies, which include digital agency Appt, medical supplies firm Uniplex, transportation company Somi Trailers, and cooking sauce manufacturers Mak Tok, are taking part in the 13th Henan Cross Border Trade and Investment Event and the Bank of China Global Matchmaking for small and medium sized enterprises, followed by match-making sessions with further Chinese companies in Beijing.

Director of city growth at Shef-



EDWARD HIGHFIELD: Director of city growth said the links were bearing tangible results.

field City Council Edward Highfield said: "The strength of this delegation shows the city's recent focus on trade and investment with China is bearing tangible results for Sheffield businesses."

Managing director of city centre-based Mak Tok, William Chew, said: "It is fascinating to be meeting so many Chinese com-

panies in one trip. It is a very exciting moment for us to join this trade mission as exporting to China is an important part of our business strategy."

Pauline Dawes, from Somi Trailers, said: "There are so many possibilities for businesses like SOMI with advanced manufacturing at the top of the list for exports to China."

China 88 – the name of which derives from 88 being a lucky number in China – aims to work with 88 Sheffield businesses building on Sheffield City Council's well established networks in the country.

Last September, a study into trade between Yorkshire and the Far East showed the city had seen an increase in Chinese investment, thanks to projects like the New Era City Development - a £65m scheme including, student accommodation, commercial units and apartments, off Bramall Lane.

£10,000 fund's 'momentum' for festival

THIS YEAR'S York Walls Festival is set to be "enhanced" after organisers secured £10,000 in lottery funding.

The Friends of York Walls will use the Heritage Fund grant both for the festival itself, which takes place on August 10 and 11, and a range of initiatives including de-

veloping a school pack on the history of the walls, improving visitor displays, and creating a website for the festival.

A series of expert talks will also take place in the summer.

Archaeologist and chairman of the Friends of York Walls, Glen McGowan, said the grant would

give "real momentum" to this year's festival, to the benefit of both York residents and visitors.

York City Archaeologist John Oxley said: "York's Historic Walls are a jewel in the crown of the city and the more people can get the bug of cherishing them and enjoying them the better."

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Life jail terms in Bahrain mass trial over terror-related charges

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A **BAHRAIN** court has issued verdicts in a mass trial, sentencing 69 people to life in prison and revoking the citizenship of 138 defendants on terrorism-related charges.

The public prosecutor's office said that 70 others were sentenced to between three and 10 years imprisonment.

The defendants, of which 109 are in custody and 60 were tried in absentia, can appeal.

Charges against the group include forming a terrorist cell inside Bahrain with help from Iran

and launching terrorist attacks. The group was labelled as "Hezbollah Bahrain".

The Europe-based Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy (Bird) says this brings to total 990 people ordered stripped of their nationality since 2012, including political activists speaking out about human rights abuses.

Based on the names of the defendants, all appear to be Shi'ite Bahrainis, said Sayed Ahmed Al-Wadaei, director of advocacy at Bird.

In the years since Bahrain's 2011 Arab Spring protests, which saw tens of thousands from the country's majority Shi'ites de-

mand greater rights from the Sunni-led monarchy, authorities have dismantled opposition political groups, imprisoned activists, forced others into exile and clamped down on independent media outlets.

Opposition activists say the movement has been predominantly peaceful and international advocacy groups have frequently criticized the island kingdom's rights record.

Amid the crackdown, local Shi'ite militant groups have carried out numerous attacks on security forces.

Amnesty International has slammed the ruling as a "mockery of justice."

"With these outrageous sentences, Bahrain's authorities have once again demonstrated their complete disregard for international fair trial standards," Amnesty International's Middle East Research Director, Lynn Maalouf said in a statement.

"Arbitrarily stripping people of their citizenship and

rendering citizens stateless are blatant violations of international law.

"Bahrain's authorities must immediately stop relying on these unlawful measures as punishment," Maalouf added.

In another recent mass trial in February, 167 people were convicted, primarily for participation in a non-violent sit-in, said Amnesty.

In May of last year, 115 people were stripped of their citizenship following a single trial with the sentences upheld on appeal.

Mr Al-Wadaei of Bird said the Interior Ministry revoked his citizenship in 2015 on charges re-

lated to his political activism and human rights work.

His daughter, born in 2017, to a Bahraini mother was rendered stateless and is without a passport because Bahraini law only passes citizenship through the father.

Mr Al-Wadaei, who is based in London and seeking permanent residence in the UK, said other Bahrainis who have been stripped of their nationality since 2012 have mostly been Shi'ite Bahrainis.

Many people have been deported to Iraq and Lebanon, and a few others have been able to seek asylum in the UK and Canada.

“They have demonstrated complete disregard for fair trial standards.”

Amnesty International's Middle East Research Director, Lynn Maalouf.

Student who tried to join IS is paroled

A **RUSSIAN** court has granted parole to a Moscow student who was sent to prison for trying to join the Islamic State group in Syria.

The court in Russia's north-west upheld Varvara Karaulova's plea to cut her prison sentence by one year and 10 days.

The 23-year-old Moscow State University student was sentenced to four-and-a-half years in prison in December 2016.

She was arrested in Turkey, where she was trying to cross the border into Syria after her father filed a missing person's report.

At least 4,000 Russian citizens, mostly from predominantly Muslim regions, have travelled to Syria and Iraq to join IS.

Philosophy major Karaulova, from a middle-class, non-Muslim Moscow family, was an odd-one-out among Russian Islamic State recruits who typically hailed from impoverished provincial backgrounds in the North Caucasus.

Karaulova, a convert to Islam, insists that she fell in love with a man she met online and wanted to marry him in Syria, but did not share the radical ideology of Islamic State.

Her father had pleaded with the court to acquit Karaulova, saying that he was seeking help from Russian authorities by filing a missing person's report, not vengeance against his own daughter.

Karaulova, who was expelled from university shortly after her arrest, told the court that her trip to Turkey was "the most foolish thing I have ever done in my life and the one I'm still punishing myself for".

Her father, Pavel Karaulov, who attended the hearing in Vologda, told the RIA Novosti news agency on Tuesday that he was "over the moon" with the ruling and hopes that she can soon return to her studies and "live to the full".



PANEL POWER

A view of the Yamakura Dam floating solar plant in Ichihara, Japan. Activated in March 2018 and the largest power plant of its type in Japan, the plant was constructed on the surface of Yamakura Dam reservoir and covers 44 acres of surface area.

PICTURE: CARL COURT/GETTY.

Trump faces first challenger for nomination



DONALD TRUMP: Accused of leaving nation in great peril with his skewed values.

A **FORMER** governor of Massachusetts has become the first Republican to challenge President Donald Trump for the nomination for US president in 2020.

William Weld, 73, said in announcing his candidacy that "it is time to return to the principles of Lincoln – equality, dignity and opportunity for all".

He said, "There is no greater cause on earth than to preserve what truly makes America great. I am ready to lead that fight."

Mr Weld has accused Mr Trump of leaving the nation in

"grave peril" and has said his "priorities are skewed toward promotion of himself rather than for the good of the country".

While Mr Trump's overall approval ratings have been poor for much of his presidency, he remains popular with Republican voters.

The Republican National Committee (RNC) in January issued a nonbinding resolution to declare the party's undivided support for Mr Trump.

The move by Mr Weld makes Mr Trump the first incumbent

president since George HW Bush in 1992 to face a notable primary challenge.

Mr Trump's campaign has taken extraordinary steps in cementing control over the RNC and the broader nomination process as it seeks to minimise the risk of any potential challenger doing the same to the president.

His campaign recently reported raising \$30m in the first quarter of this year, while Democrats are raising less money than in previous cycles.

Fiscally conservative but so-

cially liberal, Mr Weld is known for an unconventional, at times quirky, political style and a long history of friction with the party he now seeks to lead.

Mr Weld endorsed Democrat Barack Obama over Republican nominee John McCain in 2008, and has enjoyed a decades long friendship with the Clintons.

With little in the way of organisation or outside money, and at odds with a majority of Republican voters, Mr Weld's longshot campaign will target disaffected Republicans and libertarians.

Briefing

Norwegian jailed as submarine spy

RUSSIA: A Moscow court has found a Norwegian man guilty of espionage and sentenced him to 14 years in a high-security prison.

Retired Norwegian border inspector Frode Berg was arrested in Moscow in December 2017. He was accused of collecting information about Russian nuclear submarines.

Berg denies the charges and his lawyer has called him the victim of a set-up. Berg had been a well-known figure in the border area.

Time to panic says green campaigner

SWEDEN: Teenage environmental activist Greta Thunberg claims that time is running out to halt climate change and she is urging European politicians "to panic".

The 16-year-old told EU leaders: "I want you to act as if the house is on fire."

During a speech which met with a standing ovation, Ms Thunberg fought back tears as she warned about rapid species extinctions, soil erosion, deforestation and the pollution of oceans.

Hoax bomb threat closes embassies

SPAIN: A hoax bomb threat called in to the Australian Embassy prompted the evacuation of a 57-storey office tower in Madrid.

Staff received a phone call with the security threat around midday yesterday, said police.

However, the call was deemed a false alarm. The tower had been evacuated by the time police and emergency services arrived. The Torre Espacio skyscraper also houses the embassies of the UK, Canada and the Netherlands.

Nearly 200m vote in crucial elections

INDONESIA: Around 193 million people are eligible to vote in a presidential election that will decide who leads a nation which is an outpost of democracy in a region of authoritarian governments.

Their choice in polls today is between five more years of the steady progress achieved under Indonesia's first president from outside the Jakarta elite, or electing a charismatic but volatile figure from the era of the Suharto military dictatorship that ended two decades ago.

Ex-astronaut dies at the age of 88

US: Former Nasa astronaut Owen Garriott has died at his home in Huntsville, Alabama, aged 88.

Mr Garriott, who died on Monday, flew aboard the early space station Skylab in 1973, spending about 60 days in space.

He also was part of the ninth space shuttle mission aboard Columbia in 1983.

Mr Garriott was selected as an astronaut in 1965. He held other positions within Nasa, including director of Science and Applications in Texas.

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Johnsons enjoy record trading but invests thousands to protect against Brexit

NORTH YORKSHIRE-BASED Johnsons of Whitley grew its sales 20 per cent to £8m between October 2018 and March 2019, an increase of £1.37m.

The commercial nursery business said it was its most successful half year of trading since the

company was established almost 100 years ago.

Managing director Graham Richardson said February in particular had seen a record number of orders, with both sales and top-up orders proving extremely robust.

However, he added the impact of Brexit was weighing heavily on its future plans and that it was investing hundreds of thousands of pounds to mitigate against potential staffing shortages.

The firm, which has sites in Whitley, Cattal and Roecliffe, has

invested £70,000 in a new mechanical line capable of processing up to 7,000 plants a day while halving the number of workers required to perform the task manually, something its managing director said would be vital if Brexit has an effect on staff num-

bers. Johnsons aims to invest a further £100,000 in a substantial amount of covered growing and storage space at its Roecliffe site, to prepare for a Brexit eventuality that would affect imports of plants from Europe.

Mr Richardson said: "We don't

know what's on the horizon and as we are reliant on the economic and supply chain, Brexit has the potential to be catastrophic.

"Staffing is a major consideration for us. At the moment, European workers make up around one third of our nursery work-

force. And while we do not envisage an exodus as a result of Brexit, we have to be prepared.

"Consequently, the new production system will reduce the number of people required to complete certain tasks on the retail line."

Reject ‘dreadful’ takeover bid, urges Provident

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CREDIT LENDER Provident Financial has written to shareholders to ask them to reject the "dreadful and opportunistic" hostile £1.3bn takeover bid by rival Non-Standard Finance (NSF).

In a strongly worded letter, Provident's chairman Patrick Snowball accused NSF of paying unlawful dividends and described the takeover bid as "more of a coup d'état than a hostile takeover, spearheaded by a management team at NSF with a track record of value destructive acquisitions and facilitated by two powerful shareholders".

Mr Snowball told investors: "These unlawful distributions are a telling indictment of the competency of the NSF team and the weak oversight of their board and must call into question their ability to run a business some seven times larger than their own and one which includes a regulated bank."

Bradford-based Provident has urged shareholders to take no action in respect of NSF's offer.

Mr Snowball said that while many of Provident's questions remain substantially unanswered, NSF finally acknowledged one of its questions last Friday and confirmed that certain dividends since 2015 have been in contravention of the Companies Act.

"They were described by NSF as 'technical infringements', but the simple fact and truth of the matter is that they were unlawful," said Mr Snowball.

"While NSF may now have accepted these failures under the Companies Act, through either indifference or arrogance or because they do not have the answers, they have failed to provide a comprehensive response to our other critical questions.

"I find this silence telling, particularly when it relates to straightforward questions regarding the future management of Vanquis Bank (which would be the largest business within the enlarged group), the implications of selling Moneybarn on the broader Provident Group or the genuine challenges of addressing the concerns for the CMA."

NSF has acceptances for over 50 per cent of Provident's shares, including from Woodford Investment Management, Invesco Asset Management and Marathon Asset Management. Provident is exploring alternatives to maximise value for shareholders.

The CMA is currently investigating the deal and the FCA has also raised concerns.



PATRICK SNOWBALL: Provident chairman has sent a strongly worded letter to investors.

Mr Snowball told shareholders: "NSF's failure to make progress with their CMA submission creates further disruption for the business and yet more uncertainty for our shareholders."

Talking about the major investors who have backed the deal, he said: "These shareholders already together own about 54 per cent of NSF, a business which has singularly failed to deliver pre-tax profits since the IPO and in which period its share price is down 48 per cent."

"This coup d'état may inflict a cost to shareholders of as much as £40m in transaction fees alone, and that's before you take into account the other significant potential value-destroying elements of the deal."

Mr Snowball pointed out that he has only been chairman of Provident for six months and the

£1.3BN

The value of the hostile takeover bid by Non-Standard Finance for Provident Financial.

majority of the board have served for less than a year.

He said the new management team has made good progress with the turnaround of the business, seeking to address the poor delivery of the business in prior years.

In retaliation, NSF accused the Provident board of living in a "different world" and having an "extraordinary disregard" for some of its largest shareholders.

NSF's CEO John van Kuffeler said: "It (Provident) continues to celebrate 'the substantial progress over the past 18 months' – a period in which Provident has – a period in which Provident has – a period to be rescued by a rights issue, has issued a profits warning, has had an 'irresponsible' advertising campaign banned and has paid out over £170m in customer redress."



KEEPING WATCH: ECSC provides security monitoring and breach detection for a host of major clients including Barclays and Virgin East Coast Trains.

ECSC celebrates key cyber contract wins

CYBER SECURITY firm ECSC, which counts Barclays, GCHQ and Virgin East Coast Trains among its high profile clients, has announced three new managed services contract wins which will generate over £400,000 in revenue over the next three years.

Bradford-based ECSC said the three clients include two household name retailers, which have a combined revenue of over £2.5bn, and a technology services provider.

The extra revenue from the new contracts represents an

increase of more than 15 per cent to the managed services order book.

ECSC said its latest contract wins underpin the board's expectations for the managed services division this year.

Ian Mann, chief executive of ECSC, said: "We are delighted to add two new significant, long-term managed services clients, and further expand our engagement with an existing client supporting a new technology project."

"These contract wins demonstrate the effectiveness of

our client acquisition strategy, delivering effective consulting, leading to long-term recurring revenues through managed services."

The largest contract is to provide 24/7/365 cyber

“ These wins demonstrate the effectiveness of our client strategy.”

Ian Mann, chief executive of ECSC

security monitoring and breach detection. The solution utilises ECSC's proprietary Kepler Artificial Intelligence, managed from the group security operations centres in the UK and Australia.

The second contract is to provide cyber security breach protection using ECSC's proprietary Titania Web Application Firewall (WAF) technology, designed to block hacking attacks that pass through traditional firewall protection.

The third contract is

to provide expertise and configuration management for a WAF service which is supplied by the client's cloud hosting provider.

Two of the three contracts are new managed service contracts for existing consultancy service clients, and the third is a new service for an existing managed service client.

ECSC reported revenue growth of over 30 per cent to £5.4m in the year to December 31 and managed services revenue growth was in excess of 50 per cent.



BOXING CLEVER: Boxing champion Anthony Joshua outside a JD Sports, which is punching above its weight.

PICTURE: MARK ROBINSON

JD Sports posts record results despite tough high street conditions

SPORTS RETAILER JD Sports has posted record results despite the UK's high street crisis, as it looks abroad for further growth opportunities.

The group reported a 49.2 per cent increase in annual revenue to £4.7bn for the 52 weeks to February 2, coming in at the higher end of market expectations.

Meanwhile, profit before tax was up 15.4 per cent to £339.9m. JD said it was "not immune" to the challenges facing the UK retail sector, but that its British and Irish business had delivered a rise in sales and profitability.

The performance has reinforced management's belief that bricks-and-mortar stores are still having a positive influence, as the estate "raises brand awareness, provides consumers with an opportunity to physically see and try the product, and enables us to provide multiple delivery points". Globally, the company opened

a net 83 new JD stores with 78 of these in international markets as the group turns its attention abroad.

Executive chairman Peter Cowgill said: "We firmly believe that the elevated and dynamic multibrand, multichannel proposition of the core JD fascia, which enjoys the ongoing support of the key international brands, has the necessary agility to continue to exceed consumer expectations and prosper in an increasing number of international markets."

In the US, the first five JD stores were opened, including four conversions of existing Finish Line stores.

JD bought the American retailer last year and has been working to improve its profitability.

According to Tuesday's update, sales densities have improved at Finish Line after an overhaul of the appearance of stores.

Briefing

Cosurica's IT deal for council sites

SYSTEM: Keighley-based IT provider, Cosurica, has been selected by Keighley Town Council to supply, install and support new IT systems for their 11 office staff, based in Keighley town centre, and their 30 council members based throughout the Aire and Worth valleys.

Work will start in the next month to install a wide range of products including secure public and private wi-fi networks.

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Gallagher appoints 'excellence' head

HIRED: Gallagher, one of the world's largest insurance, risk management and consulting firms, has appointed James Murray as head of office at its 'centre of excellence' for corporate clients in Leeds.

Based on East Parade, Mr Murray leads a team of risk and insurance experts who support major clients, including large private and public companies and complex multinationals.

Britain is heading for the age of the SME, business event is told

YORKSHIRE'S SMALL and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) have a vital role to play in boosting economic growth during a period of uncertainty, a major business event was told.

A business breakfast organised by Huddersfield Town heard that Britain could be entering "the age of the SME" as consumers and suppliers demand a more personal service.

The event, which was hosted by Louise Woollard Financial, acted as a sounding board for the views of members of the Huddersfield Hundred, the football club's commercial partners.

Speaking after the event, Sean Jarvis, Huddersfield Town's commercial director, said: "We've got a lot of SMEs in Huddersfield and it is the age of the SME. Their voice is much stronger when they understand each other so they can speak louder."

"Huddersfield is a fantastic place and has an awful lot of success stories and some great businesses within it. We have to encourage a collective of the 'hundred' to go to places like London and Leeds and tell their story."



SEAN JARVIS: 'Huddersfield is a fantastic place and has an awful lot of success stories.'

On the back of this morning we will facilitate that."

Ms Woollard said: "We're stronger together by trying to make things happen. There is a lot of investment in Yorkshire as a region, but not necessarily in Huddersfield and we have got to find out why. We have got some fabulous buildings that could be used by businesses."

The event heard presentations from wealth management consultant Chris Cahill and Greg Wright, deputy business editor of *The Yorkshire Post*.

Small firms in dark over Brexit

THE MAJORITY of UK SMEs are still completely in the dark over what to expect, or how to better prepare for life after Brexit, according to new research released today.

According to a survey of 1,200 SME owners across the UK, commissioned by Simply Business, three quarters of self-employed

people admit to feeling unsupported ahead of Brexit. A third have decided to delay growth plans and further investment in their business, while 8 per cent stated that they're having to make redundancies to cut costs.

Bea Montoya, of Simply Business, said: "There isn't a blueprint for what happens after Brexit."

Lender could turn the tables on rival NSF and make its own bid

ANALYSTS AT Goodbody UK have said Non-Standard Finance's takeover of Provident Financial is unlikely to proceed after the former admitted on Friday that it has made certain "technical infringements" of the Companies Act.

Goodbody concluded that if the deal fails, Provident could turn the tables and make its own bid for NSF.

Analyst John Cronin at

Goodbody said the fact that there were a number of separate infringements "does not look good for NSF".

However, he said there is strong industrial logic to putting the two businesses together, once the personalities are stripped out of the equation.

"So, we see the deal happening at some stage – just not on the current proposed terms," he said.

Improving sentiment sees FTSE at a six-month high

THE FTSE 100 jumped to a new six-month high on Tuesday as investor sentiment improved across European markets.

London's top flight rose to 7,469.92, up 33.05 points, or 0.44%.

The German Dax and French Cac each also reached highs for the period, as investor appetite continues to be boosted by a number of factors.

David Madden, market analyst at CMC markets UK, said: The fact that Brexit has been delayed, and the European Central Bank are willing to launch another round of targeted lending later this year, has helped investor appetite.

"US-China trade talks have been moving in the right direction recently, and that has been a factor too."

Wall Street also opened in a bullish mood, as the S&P 500 surged to its own six-month high, buoyed by improvements in US-China trade talks. The Dow also saw a boost.

The pound slipped in the afternoon, despite steady unemployment figures, dropping 0.4% against the US dollar to 1.304 and 0.3% down against the euro to 1.156.

In company news, shares in JD Sports closed higher after the company hailed a record year for revenues despite the UK's continued high street crisis.

The group reported a 49.2% increase in annual revenue to £4.7b for the 52 weeks to February 2, coming in at the higher end of market expectations.

SHARE PRICES

MAIN CHANGES

	Price	↑
Card Factory	194½	+17½
Games Grp	3974	+256
Ashmore Gp	484½	+28½
Wizz Air Holdings	3447	+118
Amigo Holdings	257	+8½
GVC Hldgs	642	+20½
Close Brothers	1605	+44
St James Place	1117	+30
WPP	909½	+24½
Prudential	1748½	+46½
Hargreaves	2205	+57
Renishaw	4592	+118
TUI AG	815½	+20½
Essentra	429½	+10½
Paddy Power	6502	+154

Meanwhile, profit before tax was up 15.4% to £339.9m. Its stock hit a record high of 576.6p, after it jumped up 44.6p.

	Price	↓
Galliford Try	576½	-149
IP Group	97	-3½
Mediclinic Intl	303½	-8½
Hays	158½	-4½
Mondi	1759	-45
Daejan Hldgs	5810	-140
Kier Group	366½	-8½
Hochschild	187½	-4½
Serco	123½	-2½
AJ Bell	341	-7
Centamin	83½	-1½
Smith (DS)	352½	-6½
Centrica	107	-2
Contour Global	209½	-4
Mill & Copth Hotels	444	-8

Elsewhere in retail, Card Factory's 3.3% rise in full-year revenues also chimed well with investors, after posting figures it described as "robust despite

a tough consumer environment".

Nevertheless, it also reported an 8.3% decline in profit before tax to £66.6m for the year to January 31. Shares were up 17.7p at 194.8p.

Construction firm Galliford Try saw shares slump after it issued a profit warning and announced plans to undertake a strategic review.

Shares plummeted 149p to 576.5p, after it said the review would result in reduced profitability in the current year - it anticipates a fall in full-year profit of between £30m and £40m.

The chairman of takeover target Provident accused suitor Non-Standard Finance (NSF) of "unlawful" activity and urged shareholders to take no action over the "dreadful deal" on the table.

Patrick Snowball said in a letter to shareholders that NSF's £1.3b offer for the firm resembles "more of a coup d'etat than a hostile takeover". Shares rose 0.8p to 516.8p.

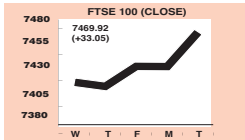
A barrel of Brent crude oil was up 0.08% at 71.3 US dollars.

In Europe, the French Cac was 0.36% higher and the German Dax was up 0.67%.

The biggest risers on the FTSE 100 were St James's Place, up 30p at 1,117p, WPP, up 24.4p at 909.6p, Prudential, up 46.5p at 1,748p and Hargreaves Lansdown, up 57p at 2,050p.

The biggest fallers on the FTSE 100 were Modi, down 45p at 1,759p, DS Smith, down 6.8p at 352.3p, Centrica, down 2.05p at 107p, and Compass Group, down 28p at 1,725p.

MAJOR INDICES



FTSE 100	7469.92 (+33.05)
FTSE 250	19923.38 (+116.29)
FTSE All Share	4092.04 (+18.92)
TechMark 100	4911.86 (+31.96)
FTSE Small Cap	5598.83 (+21.56)
AIM	951.05 (+3.24)
FTSE Fledgling	9279.02 (+22.10)
Eurofirst 300	1529.25 (+4.68)
RPI (Feb) (May 87 = 100)	285.0
Base Rate	0.75%
Inflation Rate	+1.8%
UK Unemployment	3.90%

INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

New York (Dow Jones)	26,452.66 (+ 67.89)	
Paris (CAC 40)	5528.67 (+19.94)	
Tokyo (Nikkei 225)	22221.66 (+52.55)	
Frankfurt (DAX XETRA 6PM)	12101.32 (+81.04)	
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	30129.87 (+319.15)	
Singapore (Straits Times)	3332.04 (+6.18)	
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STERLING	Close	Change
Pound/Euro	1.1555	-0.0034
Pound/Dollar	1.3049	-0.0056
Sterling Index	79.61	
BULLION	Bid	Ask
Gold (dollar)	1277.10	1310.00
Silver (dollar)	14.99	14.90
BRENT CRUDE		
Jan	\$71.18	-\$0.37

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

	Bid	Ask
Australia	1.818	1.820
Canada	1.741	1.743
Czech Republic	29.608	29.708
Denmark	8.624	8.625
Egypt	22.574	22.580
Euro	1.155	1.156
Hong Kong	10.229	10.239
India	90.600	90.850
Israel	4.652	4.662
Japan	146.080	146.090
Malaysia	5.391	5.396
Mexico	24.744	24.745
New Zealand	1.928	1.933
Norway	11.068	11.069
Philippines	67.487	67.617
Poland	4.934	4.941
Saudi Arabia	4.891	4.896
Singapore	1.764	1.769
South Africa	18.311	18.386
Sweden	12.056	12.066
Switzerland	1.313	1.314
Thailand	41.474	41.574
Turkey	7.568	7.578
United States	1.305	1.305

TOURIST RATES

Australia	1.7357	\$
Canada	1.6697	\$
China	7.8446	yuan
Czech Republic	27.28	koruna
Denmark	8.2185	kroner
Egypt	20.05	pounds
Euro	1.105	euro
Hong Kong	9.7365	\$
India	80.24	rupees
Israel	4.2014	shekels
Japan	139.41	yen
Malaysia	5.0633	ringgits
Mexico	22.02	pesos
New Zealand	1.8036	\$
Norway	10.60	kroner
Philippines	57.95	pesos
Poland	4.3522	zloty
Saudi Arabia	4.5885	riyals
Singapore	1.6515	\$
South Africa	17.26	rands
South Korea	1294.00	wons
Sweden	11.58	krona
Switzerland	1.252	francs
Taiwan	35.29	\$
Thailand	37.22	bahts
Turkey	7.2146	new lira
USA	1.2497	\$

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d = ex dividend	p = ex scrip
r = ex rights	o = others
c = ex capitalisation	s = suspended
	* = rights issue

High	Low	Price	+/-	Yield
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BRITISH FUNDS

Major Movement UP: Tr 6% 28 143½ 0.01%

Major Movement DOWN: Tr 4.25% 32 133½ -0.03%

SHORT DATED (UP TO 7 YEARS)

100 100 Tr 5% 14 100 5.00

MEDIUM DATED (7 - 15 YEARS)

101½ 101½ Tr 8% 17 101½ 8.60

LONG DATED (OVER 15 YEARS)

122½ 115½ Tr 8% 21 115½ -½ 6.93

125½ 122½ Tr 5% 25 123½ - 4.05

146½ 140½ Tr 6% 28 143½ +½ 4.17

137½ 128½ Tr 4% 32 133½ -½ 3.17

UNDATED

100½ 100½ War 3½ 100½ 3.50

High	Low	Price	+/-	PIE	Yield
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European (Euro)

Major Movement UP: n/a

Major Movement DOWN: n/a

23.89 11.80 Thyssen Krupp 12.88 24.77 1.16

North American (US\$)

Major Movement UP: Amex 111.68 1.04%

Major Movement DOWN: n/a

113.55 89.50 Amex 111.68 +1.15 - 1.40

86.60 65.51 Exxon Mobil 80.96 +0.31 - 4.05

131½ 137.57 IBM 145.02 +1.12 - 4.33

0.75 0.75 Motors Liquidation 0.75 - 0.00

AEROSPACE & DEFENCE

Major Movement UP: Avon Rbbr 1390 3.89%

Major Movement DOWN: Meggitt 516½ 1.19%

1475 1180 Avon Rbbr 1390 +52 21.40 1.20

676½ 445½ BAE Systems 509½ +5½ 16.29 4.40

236 137½ Chemring 154 +½ 64.11 2.20

131½ 96½ Cobham 114½ +½ 36.83 0.90

572 449½ Meggitt 516½ -6½ 22.24 3.20

1094 759½ Rolls-Royce 901½ +10½ - 1.30

334½ 185½ Seneca 226 +2 18.87 3.30

1743 1232 Ultra Electric 1526 d 35.00 3.40

BANKS

Major Movement UP: Banco Santndr 400 2.25%

Major Movement DOWN: CYBG 212½ 0.98%

485½ 344 Banco Santndr 400 +8½ 11.65 4.10

216½ 146½ Barclays 167½ -½ 17.76 3.90

364½ 173½ CYBG 212½ -2½ - 1.40

745½ 600½ HSBC Hldgs 662½ +6½ 13.84 5.90

67½ 50 Lloyds Banking 65½ +½ 11.91 4.90

296 203 Ryl Scotland 262½ d 19.40 2.10

770½ 519½ Standard Chartered 672½ +½ 47.21 2.40

BEVERAGES

Major Movement UP: Barr (AG) 829 0.36%

Major Movement DOWN: Britvic 931 0.11%

829 665 Barr (AG) 829 +3 26.30 2.00

956 702 Britvic 931 -1 20.98 3.00

3141 2451½ Diageo 3117½ -3 29.37 2.10

CHEMICALS

Major Movement UP: Synthomer 410½ 0.98%

Major Movement DOWN: Carclo Eng 27½ 14.31%

121 27½ Carclo Eng 27½ -4½ 2.40

5318 4438 Croda 5044 +6d 27.83 1.70

305 151½ Elements 98 178½ +1½ 29.67 3.40

3823 2620 Johnson Mat 3400 +16 21.90 2.40

575½ 347½ Synthomer 410½ +4 13.93 3.20

CONSTRUCTION & MATS

Major Movement UP: Low & Bonar 15½ 3.85%

Major Movement DOWN: Galliford Try 576½ 20.54%

311½ 230½ Balfour Beatty 267½ -1½ 13.52 1.80

235 235 Boot Hry 235 8.31 3.20

487 302 Costain Gp 349½ +4d 11.33 4.40

2857 1971½ CRH 2549 +29d 9.81 2.50

1104 565½ Galliford Try 576½ -149 4.77 9.90

850 610 Gleeson MJ 822 -18 14.78 4.10

56½ 13½ Low & Bonar 15½ +½ - 9.50

642½ 399½ Marshalls 636 -8½ 24.15 2.50

ELECTRICITY

Major Movement UP: Drax Gp 370 0.82%

Major Movement DOWN: SSE 1135 0.18%

427½ 294½ Drax Gp 370 +3 74.00 3.80

1440½ 1032½ SSE 1135 -2 13.98 8.60

ELECTRONIC

Major Movement UP: Renishaw 4592 2.64%

Major Movement DOWN: Dialight 452 2.16%

568 290 Dialight 452 -10 27.59 -

1778 1200 Halma 1756½ +11 43.17 0.90

363 237 Morgan Advanced 274½ -1½ 16.91 4.00

1096 842 Ox Instants 1070 -8 9.37 1.30

5685 3670 Renishaw 4592 +118 32.54 1.30

4 ½ Ross Gp 1½ 65.14 -

2908 1966½ Spectris 2758 +½ 14.76 2.20

281 178 T T Gp 245 +5 29.50 2.70

96½ 66 Volex 94½ +½ 28.11 -

EQTY INV INSTRUMENTS

Major Movement UP: JPMg Japan IT 410½ 1.86%

Major Movement DOWN: JPMg Eu IT Inc148½ 1.66%

125½ 112 Ab Div Inc & Gr Tst 115½ -½ 18.82 4.50

511 389½ Aberdeen Stan Ety 429 +2 19.49 4.70

1442 1120 Aberdeen SmCs 1268 28.00 3.90

785 672 Alliance 772 +6 63.39 1.80

906 766 Bankers InvTst 906 +6 43.59 2.20

75½ 66½ Br Sm Cos VCT 71 71.00 -

767 680 British Empire Trust 736 +1 70.50 1.80

3015 2650 Caledonia Inv 3015 +15 52.56 1.90

Security giant G4S posts revenue growth as it separates business

THE SECURITY giant at the centre of recent takeover interest G4S has posted first quarter revenue growth and said it is making progress in the separation of its cash business.

Revenues for the first quarter to March 31 rose 4.8 per cent on the back of growth across all regions and divisions.

Its secure solutions division, the company's largest area, delivered 4.9 per cent revenue growth propelled by large rises in Africa and the Americas, up 9.3 per cent and 8.5 per cent respectively.

Revenues from its cash solutions business rose 4.4 per cent as it was buoyed by more than 30 per cent growth in its North

America retail cash business. The company announced in December it was looking to split off its cash business to focus on its security operations.

Last month it said it received interest from potential bidders over the unit.

It has made "good progress" in its separation review intended to

establish two independent businesses, G4S group chief executive Ashley Almanza said.

During the first quarter of the year, G4S also sold a parking-management business in Estonia for £5m.

The business generated £6m in revenues last year, it said.

Mr Almanza added: "Our sales

wins in the second half of 2018 provided a good start to 2019.

"This momentum, together with growing technology-enabled services in both our cash and security businesses, underpins a positive outlook for the group.

"We continue to make good progress with our separation review with the aim of establishing

two strong, independent businesses that are able to take advantage of their market leading positions and excellent service offerings for the benefit of customers, employees and shareholders. The board believes that a separation has the clear potential to unlock substantial shareholder value."

Shares in G4S surged last week after Canadian security firm Garda World confirmed it is considering a takeover of the British firm. Garda said it was in the preliminary stages of considering an approach to the board of G4S regarding a possible cash offer, driving shares up 24 per cent on April 10.

Card Factory hangs on to flat sales in a hostile environment

Retailer presses on with store openings

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BUDGET GREETINGS card retailer Card Factory said it has maintained flat like-for-like sales despite a tough consumer environment.

The Wakefield-based group reported 3 per cent rise in revenue to £436m in the year to January 31 although pre-tax profits fell 8 per cent to £66.6m.

Card Factory opened 51 new stores in the period, taking its total estate to 972. It is working towards a target of 1,200 stores in the UK and Ireland.

Profits were also negatively affected by the Getting Personal online business, which saw a decline in sales.

In contrast, online sales on the core Card Factory website rose 56 per cent.

The group's chief executive Karen Hubbard said the group delivered a robust performance for the year and margins would be improved through more efficient production techniques.

"We have further initiatives planned for the current year which will bring further production back to the UK, whilst also implementing additional plans that will allow an improved focus on customer service in store," she said.

She reiterated that earnings in the current financial year are expected to be flat compared with 2018 due to continuing cost pressures.

Updating on current trading, she said: "Whilst the new financial year is just two months old, we are satisfied with the start we have made and are particularly pleased with record seasonal performances from Valentine's



KAREN HUBBARD: The chief executive said Card Factory delivered a robust performance and margins would be improved through more efficient production. PICTURE: TONY JOHNSON

Day and Mother's Day." She said that initial trials with Aldi in the UK, in an Australian retailer, and with a franchise partner in Jersey show that the Card Factory brand is a footfall driver.

"We will pursue these types of opportunities to open new routes to market where we see attractive returns," she added.

Zoe Mills, retail analyst at Glo-

“The retailer must not lose focus on protecting margins.”
Zoe Mills, retail analyst at GlobalData

balData, said: "Card Factory's latest results have highlighted that even value and discount retailers are struggling to drive spend and footfall amid declining consumer confidence in the UK.

"Despite having such a large store estate – at a time when many retailers are reducing their number of physical locations – the greetings card specialist shows no signs of slowing its expansion strategy."

Ms Mills said that despite a number of cost saving measures, such as in-house printing and supply chain optimisation, Card Factory's operating profits have come under increasing

pressure, falling 6 per cent to £70.8m.

"A poor festive period this financial year, compared to its usual tendency of performing better during seasonal events, will have had a negative impact on full-year profitability," she added.

"While store rollout out is a priority, the retailer must not lose focus on protecting margins and stimulating spend, especially since our consumer data shows that demand for greeting cards continues to drop year-on-year – with the throw-away nature of the product conflicting with consumers rising sustainability concerns and rising stamp prices dampening demand."

Company being hit by the low levels of consumer confidence

ANALYST FIONA Cincotta at www.cityindex.co.uk said Card Factory has suffered from low levels of consumer confidence.

"Card Factory has dangled the prospect of another special dividend, helping to add some positive news to what is otherwise a relatively weak profit result," she said.

"It's always a concern when sales at existing stores are going backward while you're rolling out dozens of new ones."

Ms Cincotta said low levels of consumer confidence are partly to blame for the fall in store footfall, although the single greeting cards market is showing signs of resilience.

"But these lower profit numbers will ultimately add to nagging doubts that a company selling paper cards from bricks and mortar stores can flourish in a world where folks can send amusing memes on Facebook for free."

Mr Kipling cakes firm Premier Foods expected to be broken up

PRODUCER OF Mr Kipling cakes Premier Foods is expected to press ahead with a break-up of the group in the coming months.

It is understood that the company, which has been under pressure from activist investors, has hired bankers at boutique advisory firm d'Angelin & Co to help manage the process.

In February, Premier launched a strategic review, bowing to pressure from investors Oasis and Paulson, who own more than 20 per cent of the group and had called for a radical shake-up.

Insiders believe that, while all options are on the table, including a sale, a break-up is now the most likely.

Premier is also behind custard

brand Ambrosia, Batchelors soups, Bisto gravy and Oxo cubes.

It is understood that d'Angelin's involvement is at the behest of Paulson, which recently gained a seat on the food firm's board.

Premier has a market capitalisation of around £300m but any break-up or sale would be complicated by its large-scale pension liabilities and £500m debt pile.

The activists scored a victory in November when chief executive Gavin Darby, *inset*, said he would stand down following criticism from Oasis.



The group had been critical of his strategy, in particular when he oversaw the successful defence of a 60p-per-share takeover tilt from McCormick in 2016.

Instead of tying up with McCormick, Premier in that year announced a collaboration agreement with Japan's Nissin Foods.

Premier has also recently scrapped plans to sell off Ambrosia, blaming the current business climate, and last year abandoned the sale of its fast-growing Batchelors brand. Both could again be put up for sale as part of a break-up.

Ultimate accolade as butcher joins elite group, the Q Guild

A YORKSHIRE based butcher has been awarded membership of an elite group which includes the best butchers in the country.

For more than 30 years membership of the Q Guild has been seen as a seal of butchery excellence.

The award has been presented to Paul Binns and his wife Mandi, who have invested £100,000 refurbishing and extending the 20-year-old business, which is based on Bingley Road in Saltaire.

Mr Binns started his working life in the family butchery business 35 years ago, at the age of 14, where he learned the trade from his father.

With the help of his then girl-

friend Mandi – who sold her sports car to help fund the venture – he opened his first shop, Binns Quality Meats, in Rawson Market, Bradford in 1999.

After a successful start they soon moved to larger premises in the Oastler Shopping Centre, where the business went from strength to strength.

In 2016 the business expanded further when Mandi gave up a career in IT to build a bakery unit next to the shop and launch The Quality Yorkshire Pie Co.

Later that year, Mr Binns took over his father's shop in Saltaire and later moved the whole business to the Bingley Road premises.

The couple, who are support-

ed by a team of four, have since refurbished the shop and established the bakery business.

Mr Binns said: "I have been a butcher all my working life and it's not just a job but a great passion for me – so being awarded membership of the Q Guild is a huge honour.

"We pride ourselves on the handpicked quality meat we provide to our customers – we source all our produce locally, so we have full traceability and everything is farm fresh, which the customers really appreciate.

"The business has thrived for 20 years, but growth has been rapid since we moved to Saltaire, which is a wonderful location to be in."

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Briefing

Mixed bag for Bank of America
RESULTS: Bank of America Corp missed revenue expectations in the first quarter but its earnings still beat forecasts as the bank chopped its expenses and grew its loan book.

The second-biggest US bank by assets followed rival domestic lenders by struggling to generate top-line growth in the latest quarter and suffered from a decline in trading revenues. US banks have seen capital markets revenues held back by lower market volatility, which hurts trading, during the first quarter.

New contracts for Veritas Workwear

DEALS: Yorkshire-based Veritas Workwear has landed two major contracts worth more than £200,000 to supply uniforms to the facilities management and events industries.

One of the deals will see Barnsley-based Veritas provide uniforms to a hospitality business which has lucrative contracts at major sporting stadia including Premier League football grounds. The second is an extension to a contract with City Facilities to supply uniforms for Asda cleaners and maintenance workers.

Skills bank puts firms in charge

OPPORTUNITY: A 'skills bank' that puts employers from across the Sheffield City Region in charge of their own training has been launched.

Skills Bank, delivered by Calderdale College, is a business led programme developed by the Local Enterprise Partnership. It matches private sector investment with public funding to help businesses invest in their workforce and improve their productivity. To find out more, visit www.scrgrowthhub.co.uk/services/skills/.

Firms urged to 'make tax digital'

WARNING: More businesses need to start registering for the 'Making Tax Digital' (MTD) regime, according to the Yorkshire-based accountants Thomas Coombs.

The new digital tax regime came into effect on April 1 and requires around 1.2 million VAT registered businesses earning over £85,000 to keep their records digitally and submit online VAT returns. However, HMRC has said that the initial sign up for the MTD regime has been slow.

Allott social media deal confirmed

CONTRACT: Marketing agency Allott and Associates has been appointed an authorised platinum partner for SoAmpli.

The deal enables it to promote and lease pioneering software that allows the sharing of social media content by supporters and employees across multiple social media channels and further strengthens its social media marketing services for 2019. The software allows a single post to be multiplied more than a thousand times.

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Cricket

Archer to be given chance to stake his Cup claim

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ENGLAND are preparing to unveil their provisional World Cup squad at Lord's today and will finally declare their hand on wild-card pick Jofra Archer.

National selector Ed Smith will name an initial group of 15 for the tournament on home soil, alongside an expanded squad of 17 for the preceding series against Pakistan, with the newly-qualified Archer set for his maiden call-up.

The Barbados-born paceman – an eye-catching 90mph bowler and a star of the Twenty20 franchise circuit – was already guaranteed an audition versus Pakistan but the temptation to draft him immediately for both squads has also built a head of steam.

Even so, World Cup rules allow teams to make alterations up until May 22, the earlier deadline essentially serving marketing needs rather than sporting ones, meaning Smith's pronouncement is not yet final.

Should Archer be included in the 15 but fare poorly in his early outings he could be unceremoniously ditched at the last minute, a fate that awaits someone else if the Sussex player is held in reserve at first and excels from the off.

Tom Curran and Yorkshire's David Willey appear to be the seamers most likely to feel the heat, though the latter's status as a left-arm option and the most consistent swinger of the Kookaburra ball may tip the scales in any head to head.

Willey and Mark Wood are among those to have publicly pondered the potential of disruption in what has been a settled limited-overs squad and new-ball bowler Chris Woakes entered the fray yesterday, saying: "It (Archer's World Cup selection) probably wouldn't be fair, morally, but at the same time it's the nature of international sport.

Aussies recall shamed pair

BATSMEN Steve Smith and David Warner have been named in Australia's World Cup squad, marking their return to the national team following bans over the ball-tampering scandal.

Former captain Smith and Warner were suspended for a year due to their roles in the plan to manipulate the ball using sandpaper during last March's third Test match against South Africa, which went on to cause international outrage.

Now the disgraced duo, who have played in this season's Indian Premier League (IPL), will return to the international stage in the tournament in England and Wales, which starts on May 30.

er's World Cup selection) probably wouldn't be fair, morally, but at the same time it's the nature of international sport.

"I'm sure there's a few questions being thrown around by the selectors, a few names here and there, but I'd imagine the 15 is not too far off what you'd expect. Whether that changes or not in due course we don't know.

"It's important for everyone to put some performances in to really cement their place in the squad.

"Whenever you've got an opportunity to perform for England you have to take it because there's always someone knocking on your door who wants your position.

"Realistically there could be 17 or 18 players who could make the cut so it's probably not the time to rest on your laurels.



IN THE FRAME: Jofra Archer may be named in England's provisional World Cup squad. PICTURE: GETTY IMAGES.

"I want to be part of the XI, play that opening World Cup game and be a big part of the campaign.

"This tournament, being at home, is a great opportunity to do something beyond our wildest dreams and I'd love to be a part of that."

For his part, Archer pressed his case for an England call with an inspired spell of bowling for Rajasthan Royals in the Indian Premier League yesterday.

Archer's 3-15 from four overs included the wicket of the big-hitting Chris Gayle, but it was not enough to prevent the Royals sliding to a 12-run defeat to Kings XI Punjab at Chandigarh.

Gayle had made 30 when he was squared up by Archer's extra

pace and bounce and edged behind to wicketkeeper Sanju Samson.

Archer also removed Nicolas Pooran and Mandeep Singh.

Archer's figures would have been even better but for overstepping on the crease and bowling David Miller off a no-ball.

Outside of the fast bowling ranks discussions will have been unusually straightforward with

"I want to be part of the XI and play that opening World Cup game."

Chris Woakes hopes he will be able to play a part in this summer's World Cup.

seven batsman inked in, Moeen Ali and Yorkshire's Adil Rashid the frontline spinners and Joe Denly seemingly in possession as the squad's utility man.

The likes of Chris Jordan and Sam Billings lead the pack hoping for a chance in the Pakistan series, followed by Sam Curran and Liam Dawson, while a standalone one-day international against Ireland on May 3 could also offer opportunities with IPL players Ben Stokes, Jos Buttler, Jonny Bairstow, and Ali likely to be rested ahead of the tournament's start on May 30.

England's provisional World Cup squad (possible): E Morgan (c), J Roy, J Bairstow, J Root, J Buttler (wkt), B Stokes, A Hales, J Denly, M Ali, C Woakes, J Archer, L Plunkett, A Rashid, D Willey, M Wood.

Racing

Kick On helps to kickstart Murphy's quest for big season

TOM RICHMOND

OISIN MURPHY hit the ground running on Kick On as he begins his quest to match last year's big race successes.

The horse could line up in the French 2000 Guineas after a battling win in Newmarket's Feilden Stakes.

Like last season's horse of the year Roaring Lion, who took Murphy's career to new heights thanks to four Group One triumphs, Kick On is trained by John Gosden and owned by Sheikh Fahad of Qatar Racing.

Just sixth in last year's Group One Futurity Stakes at Doncaster, Murphy seemed keen to grab the rail and was able to dictate matters on the 2-1 shot.

With Aidan O'Brien's Western Australia a disappointing fifth, and the Karl Burke-trained Kadar under pressure from some way out, it was left to Richard Hannon's lightly-raced Walkinthesand to throw down a challenge.

However, Murphy's mount had a neck in hand and Gosden, the reigning champion trainer, is already considering bigger prizes.

Gosden said: "In the Group One at Doncaster over a mile he finished out nicely. I wanted to run him here and it was a good performance.

"The jockey is talking about the French 2000 Guineas and we will possibly look at that with him."

Meanwhile, the aforementioned Hannon was more than satisfied with Walkinthesand's effort.

"He is in the Dante and French Derby and things like that. He was just a bit out on his own and it appears today you want to be next to that rail," said the trainer.

Today's Classic trial at Newmarket sees the Godolphin-owned Zakouski bid to provide trainer Charlie Appleby and jockey William Buick with a second successive victory in this informative contest.

They won last year's renewal with Masar, who went on to finish third in the 2000 Guineas before landing the Epsom Derby. Zakouski created a big impression when making a successful racecourse debut at Kempton in November.

He faces stiff opposition from Royal Marine, also owned by Godolphin, who was a Group One winner last year for the aforementioned Murphy and trainer Saeed bin Suroor.



OISIN MURPHY: Rode Kick On to victory in the Feilden Stakes at Newmarket yesterday.

But an upbeat Appleby said Zakouski is ready for the test.

"He's fit and well – and like a lot of horses who have won their maiden, he's now got to go and take the next step," reported the trainer.

"Saeed's horse is the one we all have to beat. He brings Group One form into the race, and we've all got to raise our game to get to his level.

"I see our horse is priced up as favourite, and for whatever reason there seems to be a lot of momentum behind him.

"We think he's a nice horse who has developed well from two to three, and it was a good performance at Kempton.

"We like him and think he's up to running in a race like this. We'll see where we stand afterwards."

Meanwhile, Kevin Ryan's top-class sprinter Brando is bidding for a third successive win in the Abernant Stakes at Newmarket.

The Hambleton trainer has used today's Group Three as the starting point for the last two years for Brando, who also won a handicap at this meeting in 2016.

A real money-spinner for connections, having also won an Ayr Gold Cup and the Group One Prix Maurice de Gheest in France, he just failed to add to his laurels last season when second in the Haydock Sprint Cup to The Tin Man.

"It's a good starting point for him – it's worked the last two years, so let's hope it can work again," said Ryan. "We've been happy with him at home, so we're looking forward to running him.

"He comes to hand early each year – and he just likes Newmarket, which is why we've started him off there for the last three years. We've started the season in decent form. Starting him here has worked well in the past, so we've done nothing different to the past few years."

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The Environment Agency is applying to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. The application is for a transfer licence.
The Environment Agency is giving notice of this application, in accordance with Section 37 of the Water Resources Act 1991 and Paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 of the Water Resources (Abstraction and Impounding) Regulations 2006.
The application is for the transfer of water from the River Aire in Leeds at National Grid Reference (NGR) SE 27326 34212 via a fish pass to NGR SE 27335 34209. The pass will be constructed on the existing Armley Weir and include a Larinier fish pass and a separate Lamprey and Eel pass.
Water will be transferred through the fish pass at the following maximum rates: 3,680 litres per second, 13,248m³ per hour, 317,952m³ per day and 116,052,480m³ per year.
All water will be returned immediately downstream of the weir.
You can view the application and documents submitted with it at the Environment Agency: Lateral House, 8 City Walk, Leeds, LS11 9AT during normal office hours (Monday to Friday, except bank holidays).
You can view a summary of the application from the public register at the above address during normal office hours.
Send any representation about this application in writing, quoting the reference number NPS/WR/030162 to the Environment Agency, at Permitting & Support Centre, Water Resources Team, Quadrant 2, 99 Parkway Avenue, Sheffield, S9 4WF or by email to PSC-WaterResources@environment-agency.gov.uk by **15th May 2019**.
After the 15th May 2019 the Environment Agency will be able to grant a licence authorising the proposal. The licence shall be viewed as granted, unless the Secretary of State, either as a result of any representations made about the proposal or otherwise, instructs or asks for an application to be made to them.
For advice about how to make a representation call **03708 506 506**.

Public Notices

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Notice is hereby given that New Citizens Limited applied to Leeds City Council for the grant of a Premises Licence in respect of the Outside Area situated at Leonardo Building, 2 Rossington Street, Leeds, LS2 8HD. The proposed licensable activities and their hours are the provision of regulated entertainment (to include films, live music and recorded music) and the sale of alcohol Monday to Sunday 10:00 to 22:00. The opening hours of this area will be Monday to Sunday 10:00 to 22:30. Any representations by an interested party or responsible authority regarding the above-mentioned application must be received in writing by Entertainment Licensing, Leeds City Council, Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR, no later than 10 May 2019 stating the grounds for objection. The register of Leeds City Council and the record of the application may be inspected at the address of the council, given above, during normal business hours or on the council's website – www.leeds.gov.uk
It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is unlimited.

LICENSING ACT 2003
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Take notice that JD Wetherspoon plc has made an application under Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 to vary a premises licence for the Cuthbert Broderick, 99 Portland Crescent, Leeds, LS1 3HJ. The application seeks to amend condition 23 in Annex 3 on the premises licence as follows: "There shall be no use of the veranda area immediately adjacent to the front of the premises for the consumption of food or drink after 2300 until close of the premises". There are no other changes to the premises licence. Responsible authorities or any other person may make written representations to Leeds City Council about this application until 10th May 2019 which should be sent to Entertainment Licensing, Leeds City Council, Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR. For full details and to view a copy of the application please contact Entertainment Licensing on 0113 378 5029 or email entertainment.licensing@leeds.gov.uk
It is an offence, under section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, to knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application which, upon conviction, carries an unlimited fine.
Dated 12th April 2019

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Beverley raises top races' money

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OFFICIALS AT Beverley say they are "raring to go" after confirming that prize money will increase by five per cent this year.

They made the announcement to coincide with the start of the 2019 Flat season on the town's picturesque Westwood this afternoon.

The investment will enhance the status and value of two of the East Yorkshire's racecourses more prestigious races as Beverley continues to receive national recognition for its continuing transformation under chief executive Sally Iggulden.

Specifically, money will go into the Beverley Bullet – a sprint won for the past two seasons by the now retired Take Cover – and the

Hilary Needler Trophy, a significant trial for two-year-old fillies looking to compete at Royal Ascot.

Course chairman Charles Maxsted expects the cash boost will ensure the quality of horses running at the track remains a constant.

He said: "We are very much full of optimism for the new season.

"Last year we were fortunate enough to witness an increase in attendances and also see some very good winners of our big races, not least the brilliant Take Cover in the Beverley Bullet.

"It was also most pleasing to see us recognised at the RCA (Racecourse Association Awards) for outstanding initiative with our deaf-friendly raceday.

"We have done a certain amount of new work in the close season, most pertinently with new fencing down the course and important developments in the stabling area.

"But just as importantly is the fact we have been able to slightly raise prize-money.

"This is significant as it should mean we continue to see good horses and good races.

"We are raring to go."

Today's eight-race card begins at 2.15pm, with the going described as good to firm, good in places – with light weather taking place to maintain safe ground.

The meeting, which was ironically abandoned 12 months ago due to waterlogging, is due to feature Ryedale trainer Mark Walford's course specialist Bit Of A Quirke who has already won five times over Beverley's mile-and-a-quarter trip.

The gelded son of Monsieur Bond is, interestingly, trying a mile and a half in the Westwood Handicap in which he faces 11 rivals and will be partnered by regular ally Andrew Mullen.

Sheriff Hutton-based Walford

RACING



SPEED KING: David Griffiths' Take Cover won the past two renewals of the Beverley Bullet before retiring at the end of last season.

PICTURE: PA

said: "He ran really well at Pontefract a week ago and did nothing there to suggest that he wasn't capable of winning over a mile and a half.

"He perhaps flattened out late on, but I'd be more inclined to think that was due to the fact that

he hadn't had a run for a while rather than him not getting the trip.

"That day we were hoping he'd run well, but now he's a bit fitter we're expecting him to run well at a track he loves."

Meanwhile former footballer

Mick Channon hopes the application of cheekpieces will help Mister Whitaker to return to winning ways at Cheltenham under Jonathan Burke.

Victorious at last year's National Hunt Festival when ridden by North Yorkshire-based Brian

Hughes, the horse is an intriguing contender in the feature Silver Trophy.

The race sees Dan Skelton saddle Rene's Girl, second at Aintree's Grand National meeting, as he chases his 200th winner of the campaign.

BEVERLEY (RACING TV)

2.15	FIND PROMO CODES AT ACEODDS.COM EBF NOVICE AUCTION STAKES (DIV 1) (Class 5) 5f 2yo Only £4,033	
1 (11)	THE GINGER BULB R 9-5	Paul Hanagan
2 (10)	COCK ROBIN K Ryan 9-4	Kevin Stott
3 (3)	BIRDIE BOWERS M Dods 9-3	Paul Mulrennan
4 (8)	CHOCOLICH 8 Smart 9-3	Graham Lee
5 (4)	TONGUIN VALLEY B Ellison 9-3	K Schofield (7)
6 (9)	0 HELL OF A JOKER 18 (P) W G M Turner 9-2	R White (5)
7 (2)	62 BIRKENHEAD 15 (BF) M Channon 9-1	Callum Shepherd
8 (7)	HOOVINGHAM N Tinkler 9-1	Rowan Scott (3)
9 (6)	4 LEAVE EM ALONE 9 P Evans 8-11	Fahy
10 (5)	SASSY LASSY David Loughnane 8-11	Tiedeman
11 (1)	2 BETTYS HORSE 14 8 Mollins 8-10	Joe Fanning

2018: Meeting abandoned due to Waterlogged course.

POST BETTING: 2 Birkenhead, 7-2 Bettys Hope, 13-2 Leave Em Alone, 8 The GINGER BULB, 10 Birdie Bowers, 12 Cock Robin, 14 Hell Of A Joker, 16 Chocochic, Tonguin Valley, 20 Others.

2.50	FIND PROMO CODES AT ACEODDS.COM EBF NOVICE AUCTION STAKES (DIV 2) (Class 5) 5f 2yo Only £4,033	
1 (2)	6 GIN GEMBLE 9 K Burke 9-5	Ben Curtis
2 (5)	TROUBADOR M Dods 9-3	Paul Mulrennan
3 (10)	CEMATECHOT Easterby 9-2	David Allan
4 (4)	NODDY SHUFFLE M W Easterby 9-2	Nathan Evans
5 (1)	PUERTO SOL B Ellison 9-2	Ben Robinson (3)
6 (3)	RONNIE TEE D O'Meara 9-2	C McGovern (3)
7 (9)	JAKODOBBRO 8 Smart 9-1	Graham Lee
8 (6)	6 LILI WEN FAIR 9 P Evans 8-12	Fahy
9 (8)	NOSTALGIC AIR M R Carr 8-11	James Sullivan
10 (7)	VODKA DAWN Phillip Makin 8-11	Sam James

POST BETTING: 9-4 Gin Gemble, 4 Lili Wen Fair, 11-2 Nostalgic Air, 6 Lili Wen Fair, 6 Puerto Sol, 12 Cematechot, 16 Vodka Dawn, Jakodobbro, 20 Others.

TODAY'S BEST

DUKE'S DOUBLE	
Teruntum Star (4.35 Beverley), nap and Dreamfield (3.00 Newmarket).	
DUKE'S TREBLE	
Teruntum Star, Dreamfield and Karnavaal (5.20 Newmarket).	
JULIUS'S DOUBLE	
Gin Gemble (2.50 Beverley), nap and Rene's Girl (2.40 Cheltenham).	
FORMNAP	
Tree Of Liberty (2.40 Cheltenham).	

CHELTENHAM (RACING TV)

The Duke	Julius
2.05 Cotswold Way	2.05 Cotswold Way
2.40 Rene's Girl	2.40 (B) Rene's Girl
3.15 No Hassle Hoff	3.15 Rather Be
3.50 The Dellercheckout	3.50 Lithic
4.25 The Welsh Paddies	4.25 Tobefair
5.00 Dingo Dollar	5.00 Allelu Alleluia
5.30 Magic Dancer	5.30 Innocent Touch

TOP TRACK JOCKEYS WITH RIDES: (2014-2019): R Johnson 36-278, S Twiston-Davies 24-271, N De Boynville 23-119, A Coleman 21-207, P Brennan 20-170

GOING: Good ● denotes FORMNAP selection.

2.05 CITIPOST NOVICES' HURDLE

(Class 2) 2m 4f 4yo plus £12,380	
1 34111 DASHEL DRASHER 26 J Scott 6-11-8	M Griffiths 91
2 25120 ASK DILLON 35 F O'Brien 6-11-4	Paddy Brennan 91
3 11181 COTSWOLD PRINCE 46 H Keighley 4-10-8	H Stock 70
4 1417 DR SANDERSON 16 (D) P Hobbs 6-11-4	Harry Cobden 89
5 31134 MILL GREEN 39 H Henderson 7-1-8	Nico De Boynville 94
6 14220 THISTLE DO NICELEY 33 Snowden 5-11-4	Gavin Sheehan 92
7 1 BUZZ DE TURCOING 136 (T) S Drinkwater 5-11-0	Sam Twiston-Davies —
8 692 COTSWOLD PRINCE 46 H Keighley 4-10-8	H Stock 70

11-4 Cotswold Way, 4 Dasher Drasher, 9-2 Dr Sanderson, 11-2 What Tom Scudamore 4-1 fav, 11 ran, 21; 4L, N Williams. Tote: win £5.60; places £1.80, £2.50, £3.30, £5.40. Trifecta: £14.60, CSF: £5.59. Non-runner: Corruption.

2.40 CURE PARKINSON'S AND HAMBO FOUNDATION SILVER TROPHY CHASE (GRADE 2 LIMITED HANDICAP)

(Class 1) 2m 5f 5yo plus £33,762	
1 11112 IMPERIAL PRESENCE 219 (BF) P Hobbs 8-11-10	R Johnson 70
2 1449 MISTER WHITAKER 36 (P,BF,CD) M Channon 7-11-9	Jonathan Burke 82
3 22117 WENYERREADYFREDDIE 109 (BF) N Henderson 8-11-8	Nico De Boynville 89
4 5-240 TREE OF LIBERTY 33 Kerry Lee 7-11-5	Richard Patrick (3) 99
5 14320 HIGHWAY ONE 0 ONE 36 C Gordon 7-11-5	T Cannon 92
6 2-472 RENE'S GIRL 109 (TD) S Tiedeman 9-11-4	Harry Skelton 99
7 75123 GOT AWAY 25 (P) O Snowden 6-10-11	Leighton Aspell 92
8 714-8 TIGER 304 109 (TD) S Tiedeman 9-11-4	Leighton Aspell 92
9 5011 KINGS MONARCH 39 (D) Kerry Lee 6-10-4	James Moore 86

POST BETTING: 4 Rene's Girl, 9-2 Mister Whitaker, 5 Kings Monarch, 6 Highway One, 13-2 Imperial Presence, 12 Tree Of Liberty, 14 Tiger, 16 Got Away.

RACING RETURNS

Exeter
Going: Good to soft-good in places
2.05 **NOVICE HURDLE (4YO+)** (3) 2m 6f, £4,224 — 1 **ASK DILLON** Paddy Brennan 2-1 ffav; 2 Boldmere Kielan Woods 8-1; 3 Blackjack Kentucky Harry Cobden 3-1; 2-1 ffav Dolphin Square 9-1; 4L, 12L, 0'Brien. Tote: win £4.80; places £1.10, £2.40, £1.20. Exacta: £16.60. Trifecta: £47.20. CSF: £19.32.
2.40 **HANDICAP HURDLE (0-125) (4YO+)** (3) 2m 2f 11yds, £7,148 — 1 **HENE'S HERBIE** James Best 5-2; Nelson Touch Kevin Jones 16-1; 3 Hattoaba Jason Dixon 2-1 fav, 8 ran, 6L, nk; Mrs S Gardner. Tote: win £7.30; places £2.30, £4.80, £2.40. Exacta: £116.10. Trifecta: £533.72. Trifecta: £472.00. CSF: £115.37.
3.15 **MAIDEN HURDLE (4YO+)** (5) 2m 1f, £2,249 — 1 **MELEKHOF** R Johnson 5-6 fav; 2 Quick Wave Sean Bowen 5-1; 3 Rocco River Lizzie Kelly 7-2, 13 ran, 11; 14L, P Hobbs. Tote: win £1.60; places £1.10, £1.40, £2.00. Exacta: £5.40. Trifecta: £14.60. CSF: £5.59. Non-runner: Corruption.
3.50 **HANDICAP CHASE (0-125) (5YO+)** (3) 3m 7f, £12,996 — 1 **ONE OF US** Sam Twiston-Davies 9-2; 2 Sandhurst Lad R Johnson 7-1; 3 You Say What Tom Scudamore 4-1 fav, 11 ran, 21; 4L, N Williams. Tote: win £5.60; places £1.80, £2.50, £3.30, £5.40. Exacta: £45.20. Trifecta: £137.35. Trifecta: £205.10. CSF: £36.60.
4.25 **HANDICAP CHASE (0-100) (5YO+)** (5) 2m 3f, £4,224 — 1 **TUDORS** Teruntum Star O'Brien 11-4 fav; 2 Kingston Mimosa D Hiskett 8-1; 3 Rule The Ocean Richard Patrick 11-2, 10 ran, 11; 11L, Robert Stephens. Tote: win £3.70; places £1.70, £2.30, £1.40, £2.00. Exacta: £113.60. Trifecta: £102.90. CSF: £24.57.
5.00 **NOVICE HURTER CHASE (5YO+)** (6) 3m, £1,872 — 1 **THEATRE THERAPY** Sam Waley-

The Duke

2.15 Bettys Hope	2.15 Leave Em Alone
2.50 Gin Gemble	2.50 (A) Gin Gemble
3.25 Gabriel The One	3.25 Whiskey And Water
4.00 Oloroso	4.00 Pacino
4.35 (A) Teruntum Star	4.35 Wentworth Falls
5.10 Bit Of A Quirke	5.10 Gendarme
5.40 Mount Ararat	5.40 Blindlyng
6.10 Shazzab	6.10 Ideal Candy

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(Class 4) 1m 2f 3yo Only £5,419

1 (1) 3231-6 GABRIEL THE ONE 177 R Fahy 9-7	Sean Davis (5) 99
2 (3) 5553- FRASER ISLAND 146 M Johnston 9-5	Joe Fanning 89
3 (4) 8-1 BOUTONNIERE 35 (D) A Balding 9-5	Joshua Bryan (3) —
4 (6) 5426- WHISKEY AND WATER 222 (BF) R Ellison 9-0	Ben Robinson (3) 70
5 (9) 4348- HOFFA 194 M Dods 8-12	Ben Mulrennan 92
6 (2) 3837- SIMON'S SMILE 145 K Burke 8-9	Ben Curtis 99

POST BETTING: 9-4 Bouthmore, 5-2 Gabriel The One, 7-2 Whiskey And Water, 7-2 Whiskey And Water, 7-2 Whiskey And Water, 7-2 Whiskey And Water.

4.00 ARGRAIN LTD REMEMBERING LAURA BARRY HANDICAP

(Class 4) 7f 3yo Only £5,419

1 (5) 731-2 ATTAINMENT 7 (BF) D Tate 9-7	David Allan 70
2 (8) 628-1 OLOROSO 25 (D) A Balding 9-6	Joshua Bryan (3) —
3 (2) 006-2 PACINO 21 R Fahy 9-5	Tony Hamilton 83
4 (7) 2215- AXE AXELROD 21 M Dods 9-5	Paul Mulrennan 81
5 (3) 210-7 AZOR AHAZI 21 M Channon 9-5	Callum Shepherd —
6 (4) 254-1 CITY TROU 15 (D) M Johnston 9-4	Joe Fanning 97
7 (6) 303-2 LIGHTNING ATTACK 15 (P) R Fahy 9-4	Paul Hanagan 99
8 (9) 2247- WESTRONSAF 189 (D) O'Meara 9-2	Graham Lee 92
9 (10) 061-6 JACKAMOUND 15 (D) D Camoll 9-0	Kevin Stott 96
10 (1) 5475- PEARL OF QATAR 208 (C) R Ellison 8-10	Ben Robinson (3) 71

POST BETTING: 7-2 Oloroso, 4 Attainment, 5 Lightning Attack, 6 Pacino, City Tro, 10 Axe Axelrod, 14 Azor Ahi, Jackamound, 16 Others.

4.35 HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY MY SPECIAL MUM KATHIE HANDICAP

(Class 5) 5f 4yo plus £7,470

1 (2) 112-4 'SANDRA'S SECRET 2 (D) J Lyle 6-9-10	Cieren Fallon (7) 99
2 (5) 3243- WENTWORTH FALLS 214 (D) G Harke 7-9-7	David Allan 80
3 (8) 2430- ONE OF REASON 172 (D) J Midgley 9-9-7	Joe Fanning 94
4 (4) 23-76 TERUNTUM STAR 89 (D) R Kyan 7-9-6	Kevin Stott 70
5 (6) 243-1 WATCHABLE 17 (P) D O'Meara 9-4	David Nolan 85
6 (9) 1419- BILLY DYLAN 20 (D) O'Meara 9-3	C McGovern (3) 83
7 (7) 3060- RAPID APPLAUSE 172 (D) M W Easterby 7-9-1	Nathan Evans 83
8 (1) 2672- AIRSHOW 205 (H) M Appleby 4-8-10	Luke Morris 96

POST BETTING: 7-2 Billy Dylan, Line Of Reason, 14 Teruntum Star, 20 Rapid Applause.

3.15 KINGSTON STUD HANDICAP HURDLE

(Class 2) 2m 4f 4yo plus £15,475

1 3P214 JENKINS 60 J Scott 9-11-12	M Griffiths 91
2 14322 UNISON 21 (B) R Henderson 7-11-11	David Bass 92
3 22651 TMA GALE DANCER 109 P Hobbs 7-11-9	R Johnson 92
4 1P-81 LE PATRIOTE 165 (P) Dr R Newland 7-11-8	Sam Twiston-Davies 83
5 41100 DUNLOP 57 A King 6-11-8	Wayne Hutchinson 83
6 2-859 RAIDER BE 53 (D) N Henderson 8-11-6	Jeremiah McGrath —
7 1-13 ESPOIR DE TEILLEE 241 R Gorder 7-11-3	Jonathan Burke 91
8 1P009 GOLDEN BIRTHDAY 137 (P) Dr R Newland 7-11-8	Sean Bowen 92
9 18-23 GOWTHORPE FLOW 85 P Pauling 6-10-12	Nico De Boynville —
10 4209 NO HASSLE HOFF 74 D Skelton 6-10-12	Daryl Jacob —
11 13111 MACKIE TIE 194 (H) D P Hobbs 6-10-12	James Bowen 78
12 4253U RHONET VIC 82 (H) Dady 6-10-6	Richard Patrick (3) 89
13 14350 LUNGARNO PALACE 747 O'Brien 8-10-6	Alain Camm 91
14 55130 DUARLE 32 (D) P Henderson 7-10-5	Paddy Brennan 91
15 1314 BACK ON THE LASH 21 M Keighley 5-10-2	Aidan Coleman 92

POST BETTING: 11-2 Esprit De Teillee, 13-2 M A Gae Changer, 7 No Hassle Hoff, 8 Honest Vic, 10 Others.

3.50 AREKELS BREWERY HINDLE HURDLE

(Class 3) 3m 1f 5yo plus £10,832

1 12441 TANARINO 18 (V) Jennie Candlish 8-11-8	Sean Quinlan 91
2 82381 BOB MAHLER 26 (P) W Greatrex 7-11-7	R Johnson 99
3 P2331 LITTLE BRUCE 45 (P) Kirby 7-11-7	Thomas Dowson (3) 91
4 3004 LONDAW CIAN 36 (P,C) Mrs S Leech 9-11-5	Connor Burke 70
5 2P522 LITHIC 43 (V) Jonjo O'Neill 8-11-5	Jonjo O'Neill Jr (3) 93
6 2-22P DARTIS DES BOIS 61 (BF) N Henderson 6-11-3	Sean Bowen 93
7 11716 SOLUSIE STAKE 32 (P,C,D) M Keighley 9-11-2	Sam Twiston-Davies 89
8 13211 MINELLA FOR ME 32 (T) R Gorder 9-11-2	Jonathan Burke 91
9 0351 THE DELLERCHECKOUT 48 (R,T) P Nicholls 6-11-0	L Cobden 89
10 715P DUC DEBARRY 45 (D) N Henderson 8-10-13	Nico De Boynville 93
11 011F2 LORD GETAWAY 34 (P,B) H Evans 7-10-8	Leighton Aspell 99
12 26312 TIKK TOCK SHOES 7 (P,BF) Williams 7-10-3	Tom O'Brien 73
13 52141 FIFTY SHADES 17 (P) Christian Williams 6-10-13	James Bowen 77

POST BETTING: 11-2 The Dellercheckout, 6 Minella For Me, 13-2 Bob Mahler, 8 Darius Des Bois, Tanarino, Liding, 10 Others.

4.25 SAFRAN LANDING SYSTEMS HANDICAP HURDLE

(Class 2) 3m 4yo plus £12,380

1 30031 WHO'S MY JOCKEY 46 (P,D) P Hobbs 6-11-12	R Johnson 85
2 41248 WHOMAS CAMPBELL 54 (P,BF,CD) N Henderson 7-11-12	R Johnson 85
3 82381 BOB MAHLER 26 (P) W Greatrex 7-11-7	R Johnson 99
4 3004 LONDAW CIAN 36 (P,C) Mrs S Leech 9-11-5	Connor Burke 70
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4.25 SAFRAN LANDING SYSTEMS HANDICAP HURDLE

(Class 2) 3m 4yo plus £12,380

16 Dando 20-1; 6 ran; 3; £51.90.
 2 W 12-10; places £1; CF: £6.
 3 W 12-10; places £1; CF: £6.
 4 W 12-10; places £1; CF: £6.
FLAT MAIDEN (4-6YO) (4) 2m
MERCHANT HOUSE Miss Millie
 1 2 Full Of Roque Mr Morgan
 2 2 Good Vibes O'Brien B. J. Archer
 3 Whennell Ballboy 11 ran.
 4 ord. Tote: win £27.10; places
 £30. Exacta: £396.00. Trifecta:
 £239.97.

1-2 Firm-goods in play
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QSKID Jim Crowley 6-4; fav;
 2 FRANKIE Dettori 2-1; 3 Artistic
 4 2 Good Vibes O'Brien 11 ran;
 5 Tote: win £2.40; places £1.20,
 £4.00. Trifecta: £37.10.

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UNITED ANTEA Andy 8-1; 2
 2 Daniel Tudhope 8-1; 3 Green
 4 ore 7-1 fav. 15 ran; nk; R.
 5 10 ran; Trifecta: places £2.50, £3.30,
 £8.00. Exacta: £489.63. Trifecta:
 £7.20.

1-2 HIT STAKES (3YO) (1f) 7f, £28.55 — 1
HT Sylvester De Sousa 5-2; 2
 2 Daniel Tudhope 10-1; 3 Azano
 4 10 ran; Trifecta: places £1.60, £4.40,
 £13.00. Trifecta: £83.40. CF: £25.74.

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 Murphy 2-1; 2 Walkinshin
 3 1-1; 3 Boerhan James 11 ran;
 4 10 ran; n.p. 15 ran; nk; 4'nl.

£425.00. Trifecta: £97.00.
 Non-runner: Spanish Mission.
1-2 GRASSY GROUNDS
£34,026 — 1 QABALA Davie
 2 Mot Juste Andrea Atzeni
 3 Highway Robert Hann 9-2 R.
 4 10 ran; Tote: win £43.00; R.
 £2.40. Exacta: £26.50. Trifecta:
 £25.78.

1-40 MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
— 1 CHASING DEMONS William
 2 Good Vibes O'Brien 11 ran;
 3 Sean Levey 7-2; 5 ran; 5'nl.
 Tote: win £1.30; places £1.
 £6.30. Trifecta: £11.50. CF: £6.
 £6.40.

1-40 MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
ARONA — 1 LAVENDER'S Blake
 3-1; 2 Maamora Silvestre De
 4 Alandalos Jim Crowley 11-4; 5
 Mrs A Perrett. Tote: win £4.50;
 £1.20. Exacta: £10.00. Trifecta:
 CF: £9.26. Non-runner: Fast
5-20 MAIDEN STAKE (R55) (3YO)
— 1 SOLID STONE Ryan Moynihan
 Tiger Tom Hamilton 3-1; 3 Tiger
 2 10 ran; Tote: win £1.20; places
 £1.00. Trifecta: £25.50. CF: £6.
 £9.00. Trifecta: £6.68.

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— 1 AMOR FATI Nicola Currie
 1 Libre Joe Panning 15-2; 2
 100 ran; 11 ran; nk; 15 ran; 2'nl.



Briefing

Fears heighten for goal-shy Brighton

PREMIER LEAGUE: Cardiff City boosted their hopes of a great escape with a vital 2-0 victory which increases the relegation fears of fellow strugglers Brighton.

Goals either side of half-time from Nathaniel Mendez-Laing and Sean Morrison moved the 18th-placed Bluebirds to within two points of the Seagulls.

Toothless Brighton, who have managed just two top-flight goals at the Amex Stadium in 2019, once again struggled to create as they suffered a fourth successive league loss.

Glenn Murray headed against the woodwork in stoppage time but the Seagulls offered little in attack and remain anxiously looking over their shoulders.

With title-chasing Liverpool and Manchester United still to come this season, anything but a win on the south coast would have left the visitors with an improbable chance of avoiding an immediate return to the Sky Bet Championship.

Snodgrass handed a one-game ban

PREMIER LEAGUE: West Ham winger Robert Snodgrass has been handed a one-match ban after an Independent Regulatory Commission found him guilty of misconduct towards UK Anti-Doping officials, the Football Association has announced.

Scotland international Snodgrass was not scheduled to be tested nor did he refuse to take a test when officials visited West Ham's training ground in February, it is understood.

The 31-year-old – who has previously played for Leeds United and Hull City – has also been fined £30,000.

An FA statement read: “A misconduct charge against Robert Snodgrass has been found proven by an Independent Regulatory Commission.

“It was alleged that his language and/or behaviour towards UK Anti-Doping officials, who were visiting West Ham United's training ground on 06 February 6, 2019, was abusive and/or insulting and/or improper.”

Shan is the man for Baggies play-off bid

CHAMPIONSHIP: West Brom caretaker manager Jimmy Shan will remain in charge until the end of the season.

The 40-year-old has overseen four wins in six games since the Baggies sacked Darren Moore last month.

While there was never an official approach, Albion wanted Preston boss Alex Neil but the Scot signed a new three-year deal at Deepdale on Sunday.

Shan said: “I'm happy that we can now move forward with clear planning and direction for the remainder of the season.

“It won't change the work ethic and application of the players and the staff but it enables us to crack on with a clear target in our sights.”

Results

Football

UEFA Champions League Quarter-Final, Second Leg

Barcelona	.....	(2)3	Man Utd	.....	(0)0
Messi 16, 20					
Coutinho 30					
Aggregate: 4-0					
Juventus	.....	(1)1	Ajax	.....	(1)2
Ronaldo 28			van de Beek 34		
			de Ligt 67		
Aggregate: 2-3					

Premier League

Brighton	.....	(0)0	Cardiff	.....	(1)2
			Mendez-Laing 22		
			Morrison 30		
			Att: 30,226		

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	34	26	7	1	77	20
Man City	33	27	2	4	86	22
Tottenham	33	22	1	10	64	34
Arsenal	33	20	6	7	66	40
Chelsea	34	20	6	8	57	36
Man Utd	33	19	7	7	63	44
Leicester	34	14	5	15	46	45
Wolves	33	13	8	12	41	42
Everton	34	13	7	14	46	44
Watford	33	13	7	13	47	48
West Ham	34	12	6	16	42	52
AFC Bournemouth	34	12	5	17	49	61
Crystal Palace	34	11	6	17	40	46
Burnley	34	11	6	17	42	60
Newcastle	34	10	8	16	32	43
Southampton	33	9	9	15	39	54
Brighton	33	9	6	18	32	53
Cardiff	34	9	4	21	30	63
Fulham	34	5	4	25	34	76
Huddersfield	34	3	5	26	19	67

Scottish Championship: Morton 2 Inverness CT 2

National League North: Altrincham 1 Brackley 2
National League South: Truro City 1 Concord Rangers 3.

Fixtures (7.45 unless stated)

UEFA Champions League Quarter-Final, Second Leg: FC Porto v Liverpool (8pm), Man City v Tottenham Hotspur (8pm)

FA Women's Super League: Everton v Birmingham City (7pm), Yeovil v Reading

FA Women's Championship: Man Utd v Aston Villa (7pm).

Tennis

ATP Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters, Monte-Carlo, Monaco. 1st rd: Taylor Harry Fritz (USA) bt Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (Fra) 6-4 2-0 ret, Cameron Norrie (Gbr) bt Adrian Mannarino (Fra) 6-4 6-3, Pierre-Hugues Herbert (Fra) bt Fernando Verdasco (Spa) 6-4 6-4, Felix Auger-Aliassime (Can) bt Juan Ignacio Londero (Arg) 7-5 7-6 (7-5), Gilles Simon (Fra) bt Alexei Popyrin (Aus) 7-5 6-1.

Reds launch complaint as they look to run-in

RICHARD SUTCLIFFE

BARNSELY have made a formal complaint to English football's governing bodies over the alleged assault on head coach Daniel Stendel by Joey Barton.

The Fleetwood Town chief is reported to have confronted his Reds counterpart in the tunnel following Saturday's League One game at Oakwell.

South Yorkshire Police are investigating the allegation, while Barnsley have now referred the

matter to both the Football Association and the Football League.

"Barnsley Football Club can confirm that it has lodged a formal complaint to both the English Football League and the Football Association," read a statement.

"This is following an alleged incident at the conclusion of the match on Saturday 13th April, between Joey Barton and Daniel Stendel.

"The club is also currently working with the police and assisting with all enquiries regard-

ing the incident. No further comment will be issued whilst police investigations are ongoing."

Reds striker Cauley Woodrow claimed after the match in a tweet – later deleted – that Barton had "physically assaulted" Stendel. Woodrow also alleged the German had been left with "blood pouring from his face".

Sky Sports News later broadcast footage showing Barton leaving Oakwell, only for the car he was travelling in to be stopped by police in the car park.

On the pitch, Barnsley are locked in a thrilling race for automatic promotion.

Just three points separate Stendel's men in second place from Charlton Athletic in fifth. Both Sunderland and Portsmouth, the sides sitting third and fourth, respectively, who meet at the Stadium of Light on April 27, have a game in hand on the Reds and the Addicks.

Barnsley host Shrewsbury Town on Good Friday and then travel to Plymouth Argyle three

days later. A home game with Blackpool and the May 4 trip to Bristol Rovers then round off what is certain to be an enthralling run-in.

Midfielder Mike Bähre said: "I am 100 per cent sure that if we win our four games then we will get promoted straight away, without play-offs.

"I am confident, the guys are in a good mood and good shape, back into a winning way and the feeling around the place is one of confidence."



JOEY BARTON: Fleetwood Town manager is subject of an official complaint from Barnsley.

Blades are ready to put Leeds back under pressure

RICHARD SUTCLIFFE

SHEFFIELD UNITED are ready "to go again" ahead of a potentially season-defining Easter, according to midfielder John Fleck.

The Blades head into the holiday double-header sitting three points behind Leeds United with just four games to play, albeit with the south Yorkshire club boasting a superior goal difference.

Back-to-back 1-1 draws against Birmingham City and Millwall mean Chris Wilder's men have it all to do if second place is to be wrestled back from Leeds.

The manner of Saturday's stalemate against the Lions, with the visitors netting the equaliser in the very last minute of stoppage time, undoubtedly brought a sense of deflation to Bramall Lane that was only added to a couple of hours later when Steel City rivals Wednesday lost at Elland Road.

But Fleck and his team-mates know there is everything still to play for going into an Easter programme that sees the Blades twice kick-off ahead of their rivals from up the M1.

"We will certainly be ready to go again," said the 27-year-old Glaswegian ahead of hosting Nottingham Forest on Friday and then travelling to Hull City three days later.

"We have got our heads down this week for another big game at home. We need to try and get a result, and, hopefully, a better performance."

Norwich City, despite being held to a draw in each of their last two outings by relegation candidates, remain firm favourites to lift the title.

That leaves a two-way White Rose scrap for second. On paper, the two Uniteds face similar tasks with Marcelo Bielsa's side hosting Wigan Athletic on Good Friday and then travelling to Brentford.

As with the Blades' trip to the KCOM Stadium, Leeds' tea-time kick-off in the capital appears fraught with danger – not least because the West Riding club has a rotten record at Griffin Park.

In the past decade, Leeds have lost three and drawn two of their five visits to Brentford.

Fleck is focusing only on the Blades and a run-in that will finish with a home game against already relegated Ipswich on April 27 and a final day trip to Stoke.

"We need to try and pick up a few more wins," he added. "There is four games left and a lot of points to play for).

"We have still got an opportunity. After Millwall, it was hard to look at the positives as we did not win the game. But we will be ready for the next game."



CHAMPAGNE MOMENT: Bradford City's Dean Windass cracks open the bubbly after his side avoided relegation by beating Liverpool following a successful Easter in 2000.

PICTURE: PHIL NOBLE/PA

down there with us so we were both desperate for points. 'Wethers' (defender David Wetherall) played up front that day and we worked all week on hitting him long and me latching on to the knockdowns.

"The plan worked brilliantly and I had a hat-trick before half-time. We were 2-0 down early on but drew 4-4. Paul Jewell (then City manager) likened it to a Sunday League game, almost like, 'You score, we score'.

"We then had to go to Sunderland on Easter Monday. They were a good side back then and no-one gave us a chance. But 'Tumble' (John Dreyer) got the winner and that really pushed us on.

"His celebration was great afterwards. He ran to the corner

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Bradford City claimed four points in Easter 2000 to help them survive by three points in the Premier League.

and screamed, 'We can do it' as all the lads piled on top of him. We took the mickey out of 'Tumble' in training every day after that.

"But he was right. After getting those four points, we won two of the last three to stay up."

Since the turn of the Millennium, Bradford are far from the only Yorkshire side to have had their fate effectively settled by an Easter break that falls as late as this year.

Five years ago, for instance, York City were eighth in League Two and a point behind Oxford United and Southend United.

Back-to-back holiday wins over the U's and Bury, and the Minstermen were on their way to the play-offs.

Playing twice in quick

succession can, of course, work the other way if a team suddenly falls out of form.

In 2011, Leeds United were two points clear of the chasing pack in the race for the Championship play-offs with just four games left. A draw at home to Reading and a 1-0 loss at Crystal Palace later, however, and Simon Grayson's men had slipped to ninth.

Nigel Pearson's Hull City were also firmly in the hunt for the top six that year but also claimed just one point from a possible six to crush those play-off hopes.

Completing the quartet of Easters that have fallen towards the end of April since the turn of the Millennium is 2003, a year when Huddersfield Town were battling against relegation to the basement division. After starting

‘Failure’ Guardiola calls for City fans to ‘do it for the guys’

MANCHESTER CITY V TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



PEP GUARDIOLA: Hoping City fans can help inspire their team to overturn one-goal deficit.

human beings. They will have bad moments in the games and at that moment we need our supporters.

"At this stage, without supporters, we cannot go through. I'm expecting.

"I'm really curious to see how our fans are going to react, really curious."

PEP GUARDIOLA wants to hear a packed Etihad Stadium in full voice as Manchester City bid to turn around their Champions League quarter-final against Tottenham.

City trail 1-0 on aggregate heading into tonight's second leg at Eastlands after suffering defeat in London last week.

Guardiola would like fans to replicate the atmosphere from their raucous victory over Premier League title rivals Liverpool in January.

"The Liverpool game would be enough for me, a little bit better," said City boss Guardiola. "We need it.

"Do it for the guys – the last 20 months, they are so proud with what they have done but they are

Klopp laughs off ‘best in world’ tag as Liverpool target double

PORTO V LIVERPOOL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

JURGEN KLOPP laughed off Sergio Conceicao's suggestion that his Liverpool side can sometimes play like the best team in the world before the two resume battle tonight.

Liverpool are aiming to dump Porto out of the Champions League for a second year running and go into the second leg of their quarter-final at the Estadio do Dragao leading 2-0 from last week's first leg at Anfield.

Porto boss Conceicao paid the Reds just about the ultimate compliment in the build-up to the match, saying this season they have often played like "the best team in the world", but Klopp took it with a pinch of salt.

"Sometimes we are really good, it's true," Klopp said.



JURGEN KLOPP: Liverpool boss is chasing glory in Premier and Champions Leagues this season.

"Hopefully we can show it again. It's probably meant as a compliment but we still know we have a really tough job to do tomorrow and probably he said as well he believes in their chances too. Did he say that? Yes, then it's all good."

For all the talk of a potential

Manchester City quadruple, Liverpool are still eyeing a Premier League and Champions League double, and former Leeds United midfielder James Milner said they needed to deliver for words like Conceicao's to carry weight.

"It's a compliment and you get those compliments by playing good football over a sustained period of time," he said.

"But to be that you have to win trophies and that's something we haven't done yet. It's something we're trying to do this season."

A string of late winners has provided a feeling of destiny in the Premier League – even if they remain locked in a tight battle with City – and Milner sees the same spirit in Europe.

"I think there's a confidence within the squad but there's not over-confidence and that's very important," he said.



Rugby league

Sneyd glad to sort Hull future as Fifita commits to Trinity

PETER SMITH

HULL FC and Wakefield Trinity have both been boosted by a big-name player signing a new contract.

Two-time Lance Todd Trophy winner Marc Sneyd has ended speculation over his future by re-signing for Hull until the end of 2022.

And prop David Fifita, who is top of the Steve Prescott Man of

Steel voting, has committed himself to Trinity for a similar period.

Sneyd joined Hull in 2015 and has kicked 408 goals and 24 drop goals including the golden-point extra-time winner at Catalans Dragons last Saturday.

Hull's player of the year in 2016, when he won the first of back-to-back Challenge Cup final man of the match awards, Sneyd described his new contract as "a massive weight off my shoulders".

The 28-year-old former Salford and Castleford Tigers half-back said: "Now I can fully concentrate on playing my rugby for Hull rather than worrying about my future.

"The rugby is going really well at the moment and my family is really settled here in Hull, so there was never any reason for us to move away.

"I am really looking forward to just cracking on in the next few

years and hopefully we get the chance to win a few more trophies.

"I'm really happy at the club, it is a good place to be, it is a good setup and I think we are going places.

"The future looks very promising for us."

Meanwhile, Fifita, 29, whose previous contract was due to expire at the end of this season, has set his sights on helping Trin-

ity win silverware over the next three seasons.

The Australian-born, Tongan international front-rower has made a big impact since joining Wakefield from Cronulla Sharks in 2016.

"I just couldn't leave Wakefield," he insisted. "For what they've given me and what the fans have given me, I just want to give something back to them.

"My goal now is to bring a tro-

phy to this club. The bond between the players is something I've never had with any other club and I just can't wait for the journey ahead."

Wakefield have also re-signed winger Mason Caton-Brown who scored 26 tries in 27 appearances from 2017 to last year when he joined Toronto Wolfpack.

Caton-Brown, 25, is poised to make his second debut in tomorrow's derby at Castleford Tigers.

Rugby union

MOVING ON: FORMER CARNEGIE STAR LAMENTS CLUB'S DECISION TO GO PART-TIME

Dream of top-flight return is still on for Burrows

Dave Craven

RUGBY UNION WRITER

IT IS not in the circumstances he would have wanted – nor with a club he ever imagined – but former Yorkshire Carnegie captain Ryan Burrows admits his move to Doncaster Knights has "reinvigorated" his love for rugby.

The hard-running No8, rightly regarded as one of the Championship's finest players before finally earning his Premiership move with Newcastle Falcons, is at Castle Park on a loan deal until the end of the season.

For someone who initially made more than 100 appearances for hometown Rotherham Titans and then proved such a huge fans' favourite at Carnegie – leading them to a Championship play-off final during his six seasons there – it is all quite strange pulling on the jersey of such fierce rivals.

However, after playing his second game for Doncaster – ironically at Emerald Headingley on Sunday – he told *The Yorkshire Post*: "It's good.

"I've come back (to Yorkshire) for personal reasons.

"My brother passed away a few weeks ago so I've come back for that reason: to be close to my family at this time.

"And it has sort of reinvigorated my love for the game a little bit more, just to get back enjoying playing at a good standard with a good bunch of lads."

Burrows, 30, has spent the last two seasons with Newcastle, and has signed for Championship club Coventry on a three-year deal starting next term.

He made just eight Premiership appearances for the Falcons, but has not regretted making the move after Carnegie missed their own promotion chance of elevation in the 2016-17 Championship final against London Irish.

Burrows explained: "I loved it. I played 30 games. And some good games.

"There were only a handful in the Premiership but I played a lot of European fixtures, captaining them in some big games, and took a lot out of it.

"I think I've improved as a player and I think my leadership has come on as well.

"It was two years where I've



HOME FROM HOME: Ryan Burrows admits it felt "weird" to face his former Carnegie team-mates at Headingley on Sunday.

PICTURE: TONY JOHNSON.

gone away, improved as a player and it's something I'm looking to take forward for the rest of this year with Doncaster and then Coventry after that."

But how surreal was it playing against his former Carnegie colleagues in Sunday's 21-12 defeat?

"It was weird," he said, having also been sin-binned during the contest. "I don't normally get nervous before games but on the bus on the way up with the Donny boys there were butterflies in the stomach.

"It was weird coming back here and wearing a Doncaster shirt; with no offence to Doncaster it is something that I probably didn't envisage doing this soon.

"I'd have loved to have come back here (Carnegie) but unfortunately this club is in a difficult

position and I feel for the boys. Hopefully they can pull through and get some jobs out of it."

Cash-strapped Carnegie, of course, made the painful announcement last week that they will become a part-time operation next term.

The club had hoped to make a concerted push for promotion back into the elite in 2019-20 but are now instead facing a far more invidious proposition following a failure to secure funding.

Burrows said: "I don't want to slag them as it's a great club and it means a lot to me. It was difficult to take when I heard the news.

"But reading between the lines it's been a long time coming; they have promised, and promised, and promised and here they are – eight years since I signed origi-

nally – and the chat now is of part-time.

"A club of this magnitude – when you look at the stadium, the pitch, the squad they've got together – bottom at Christmas but now pushing for a top-five spot and probably one of the form teams in the league.

"A bit of backing and Premiership rugby is not far around the corner but ultimately they have decided to go down a different route. It's a massive shame for rugby not only in Leeds but in Yorkshire and the northern area."

Burrows, then, finds himself joining Coventry for the next chapter of his career, a club who do have bold ambitions to make the top-flight.

"They certainly are (ambitious)," he said. "I went to speak to

(director of rugby) Rowland (Winter).

"They are frustrated with where they are this year.

"I think they have only lost a couple of games at home but the disappointing thing for them is that they haven't won a game away from there.

"It's a fresh challenge, there's some clear goals about where the club wants to be in three years and he's sold me the dream."

Firstly, though, Burrows is due to face his next employers when Coventry visit Doncaster on Saturday in the penultimate round of this campaign

He said: "If I'm picked it'll be just another game for me – but also a good opportunity to show the Coventry fans what sort of player I am before next season."

Ice hockey

New boss Fox intent on ending trophy drought at Steelers

PHIL HARRISON

AARON FOX said the challenge of bringing back the glory days to Sheffield Steelers was one he simply couldn't turn down.

The 42-year-old American was last night unveiled as the new head coach and general manager of the five-time Elite League champion at a special fans' forum chaired by owner Tony Smith.

He arrives in South Yorkshire having spent the last six years at Medvescak Zagreb, the first four seasons seeing him operate

as Sporting Director while they played in the Kontinental Hockey League (KHL) before the Croatian club's return to the EBEL where he took on coaching duties before resigning in December last year after the club hit financial troubles.

It is two years since the Steelers last tasted success – beating Cardiff Devils in a memorable play-off final at Nottingham's National Ice Centre – and Fox is intent on ending the trophy drought.

"The decision to come to Sheffield was built around being at a

top organisation that expects to win on a yearly basis," said Fox.

"I love the idea of being able to build a team that has high aspirations and to find a way to create a new identity and culture moving forward that will give us an opportunity to compete for winning championships again.

"I understand last year was not good enough for the ownership or the fans and I am looking forward to turning things around."

Fox's appointment comes on the back of a disappointing 2018-19 Elite League campaign for the

Steelers, one which saw Paul Thompson at the helm in August before his resignation led to the arrival of two-time Stanley Cup champion Tom Barrasso, previously an assistant coach at Carolina Hurricanes in the NHL.

But, despite a handful of roster changes, Barrasso could only oversee a seventh-place regular season finish for the Steelers, who then exited in the first round of the play-offs against Cardiff.

There are expected to be wholesale changes again to the Steelers' roster for a second sum-

mer in succession, with Fox aiming to use his renowned recruitment skills to good use.

"We will have a lot of new faces next year," added Fox. "Finding that team identity, creating that chemistry in training camp and being ready to go from the opening night, will be a big challenge."

Later during the fans' forum, it was revealed Fox had already agreed to a number of new and old faces being on his roster for next season.

Former Coventry Blaze forward, Marc-Olivier Vallerand is

the first new confirmed signing, with winger Anthony DeLuca agreeing to return.

Forward Rob Dowd has agreed a new two-year deal, with fellow GB internationals Jonathan Phillips and Davey Phillips also signing new contracts.

Kieran Brown will remain at the club after completing his two-year apprenticeship, while 16-year-old Alex Graham – currently away on GB Under-18 duty with Brown in Hungary – is the latest youngster to be taken on via the training scheme.

Motor-cycling

Ready to attack 'toughest domestic championship in world'

Taking on the factory teams will be far from easy but a Yorkshire biker is gunning for them on two fronts. Mark Absolon reports.

BRADFORD'S Dean Harrison will begin his dual bid for short-circuit and road-racing glory at Silverstone this weekend.

The 30-year-old Isle of Man TT winner will be on the grid for the opening two rounds of the 2019 British Superbike Championship on Sunday looking to put his Silicene Engineering Racing Kawasaki right in the mix for points and top-10 finishes.

While Harrison may not be in one of the top factory teams, he showed real promise in his debut season last year, picking up a couple of 12th-placed finishes while taking part in just four rounds.

Twelve months on and the

West Yorkshire rider will be competing in nine of the 12 rounds and, as a celebrated road-racer, he is determined to make his mark on the championship.

"Most people start with short-circuit racing and then progress to road-racing but I did it the other way round as I was always at road races as a kid," said Harrison. "If someone had said to me five years ago 'you'll be in British Superbikes' I'd never have believed it in a million years... now I'm doing it nearly full time."

Harrison is not underestimating the difficulty of the task that awaits him.

"The BSB is the toughest



READY FOR ACTION: Kawasaki rider Dean Harrison, of Bradford, is fully geared up for the new season.

PICTURE: STEPHEN DAVISON/PACEMAKER

domestic championship in the world," he added. "My bike's a good bike and I've got a good team, but we are an independent team against the factory teams.

"I finished 12th a couple of times last year. This year, we've improved the package so my aim is to try and get in the top 15 and get some points. I think there's

30-odd bikes on the grid so we want to get some points on the board but the plan is to get in the top 10."

As well as Silverstone, Harrison will compete in the rounds at Oulton Park (twice), Knockhill, Snetterton, Cadwell Park, Assen, Donington Park and Brands Hatch.

Unlike nearly all of his BSB contemporaries, Harrison will also be going all out for victories in all the blue riband road races of the year. He will compete at the North West 200 in Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man TT, the Southern 100, the Ulster Grand Prix, the Macau Grand Prix and will be at Oliver's Mount when road-racing returns to Scarborough in July.

"There's a totally different aggression needed for short-circuit racing," added Harrison, comparing the two forms of action. "You've just got to attack it

and not care if you crash. You go into every corner just on the edge of sliding and losing grip.

"At road-racing, you are carrying your corner speed more. You are flowing through the turns to carry the speed to get the average. At the TT, you set off in 10-second intervals, so it's a time trial.

"So it's not like short-circuit racing when there's 35 bikes on the grid and everyone's breathing fire. It's not as intense as that, you've got a bit of time to get your head into it.

"I've come in sometimes with rubber tyre marks up my legs where some people have crashed into me!"

Harrison, sponsored by LSS Waste Management, will be joined on the grid on Sunday (1.30pm and 4.30pm) by fellow Yorkshire riders Dan Linfoot and Dean Hipwell. Qualifying will take place on Saturday.

Question

Will an English club win this year's Champions League?

Vote **YES** or **NO** on our website yorkshirepost.co.uk/sport Or by replying **YES** or **NO** on our Twitter feed @YPSport Or join the debate by adding your comments online.

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

Will Tiger Woods beat Jack Nicklaus's record of 18 major championships?

Yes **14%** No **86%**

Briefing

Vunipola is warned to expect more flak

RUGBY UNION: Mark McCall expects fans to again boo Billy Vunipola following the Saracens and England forward's official warning from the RFU for a homophobic Instagram comment.

Rugby director McCall confirmed Vunipola will start Saturday's Champions Cup semi-final against Munster at the Ricoh Arena, then said the No 8 must handle whatever flak comes his way.

The 41-cap back-rower has been warned by both club and country after a social media post last week that read "man was made for woman to procreate that was the goal no?"

The England star had liked a social media post from Australia's Israel Folau, that stated "hell awaits" for "homosexuals", and was subsequently booed by supporters during Saracens' 23-21 Premiership defeat at Bristol on Saturday.

Asked if he hopes fans will not boo Vunipola again, McCall said: "That's not something we can control to be honest. Whatever happens will happen.

"He has got to deal with that, and we've got to deal with that as a group."

Wallabies full-back Folau's career is in tatters after he was sacked by the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) for his controversial Instagram post.

Competitive edge is required for GB

ICE HOCKEY: Head coach Pete Russell expects competition for places to be "intense" in the coming days as his Great Britain squad prepares for their biggest World Championships challenge in 25 years.

GB will take on the powerhouse nations including Canada, USA and Finland when the tournament gets underway in Slovakia next month. The last time Britain competed in the elite level of the international game was back in 1994.

Russell got together with his players in Coventry last night for the start of their training camp, with Sheffield Steelers' Jackson Whistle, Davey Phillips, Ben O'Connor and Robert Dowd and Jonathan Phillips all involved.

"We have a deep squad and competition for places will be intense over the next few days," said Russell, who led his team to a stunning gold medal triumph in Hungary last year to earn promotion back to the elite tier.

Peaty claims title

SWIMMING: Adam Peaty claimed the British 100-metres breastroke title but was a fair way off his best time in Glasgow.

The 24-year-old came home in 57.87 seconds, short of his 57.10 best, but was happy with the way he started.

James Wilby was second in 58.66 with Ross Murdoch taking bronze ahead of fellow Scot Craig Benson.

Peaty said: "It's not the time to do a fast time for me. I know that deep down. But it's looking good for the Worlds."

Norrie progresses

TENNIS: Cameron Norrie is through to the second round of the Monte-Carlo Masters after a straight sets victory against Adrian Panarino.

The 23-year-old Briton was on court for one hour and 19 minutes as he prevailed 6-4 6-3, sending down three aces in the match.

He will now take on Marton Fucsovics in the second round after the Hungarian surprised 12th seeded Nikoloz Basilashvili in three sets.

Sport on TV

Football: Champions League, Man City v Tottenham – BT Sport 2 1900; Porto v Liverpool – BT Sport 3 1900; Ligue 1, Nantes v Paris St Germain – BT Sport/ESPN 1800.

Cricket: One-Day Cup, Kent v Hampshire – Sky Sports Main Event & Sky Sports Cricket 1230; IPL, Sunrisers Hyderabad v Chennai Super Kings – BT Sport 1 1515.

Racing: Newmarket – ITV 4 1330.

WHY EASTER IS SO CRUCIAL

Fortunes of Yorkshire clubs to depend on results over bank holiday weekend

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TOP-FLIGHT BID REMAINS REAL

As former club Carnegie prepare for part-time status, Burrows aims high

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Ballance to adapt to Lord's target



YORKSHIRE V LEICESTERSHIRE
ROYAL LONDON ONE-DAY CUP

GARY BALLANCE is determined to show that he can adapt to the fast-changing nature of white-ball cricket by helping Yorkshire to reach the last one-day final to be played at Lord's.

Ballance has primarily built his reputation on his powers of accumulation in red-ball cricket, powers already in evidence this season as he has racked up 295 runs in four first-class innings at an average of 98.

As Yorkshire today embark on their Royal London Cup 50-over

campaign against Leicestershire at Emerald Headingley, chasing their first Lord's final since 2002 before the competition's climax moves to Trent Bridge from next summer, the left-hander wants to prove that he remains a man for all formats.

"The white-ball game is evolving so quickly that if you don't evolve with it, you kind of get left behind a bit," said Ballance, referencing the explosion of T20 around the world and the knock-on effect on 50-over skills.

"I didn't get to play much one-day cricket during three or four years in-and-out of the Test team (between 2014 and 2017), and I didn't play many one-day games last year (because of ill-health).

"Because I didn't play much over that three-to-four-year period in particular, I've had to adapt and I need to look at ways to con-

tinue to improve. It's such a fast-moving game (white-ball cricket) and evolving all the time, that you've got to stay with it and make sure you keep up."

Despite his excellent red-ball record, which includes 23 Test appearances and more than 10,500 first-class runs, Ballance actually has a better average in white-ball cricket (49 versus 48).

He has scored seven one-day hundreds and it is easy to forget that he made 16 one-day international appearances, too, the last of them in 2015.

The 29-year-old perhaps does not receive as much credit as he deserves for his multidimensional talents – evident, also, during 85 appearances in T20 cricket.

He sees himself as someone intent on adapting to all cricketing challenges.

"I don't see myself as just an

accumulator," he said. "Maybe in red-ball cricket, but I'd like to think that I can hit a couple of one-bounce fours at least (in the white-ball game).

"I'm pretty happy with my one-day game overall, but, as I say, I'm striving to get better. I didn't play many games last year, probably half the games and got a few decent scores, but I had a good year the year before and now need to kick on."

Yorkshire have consistently reached the knockout stages of the One-Day Cup during Bal-

“It would be great to play in the last year of the Lord’s final.”

Yorkshire batsman Gary Ballance is aiming for a final appearance.

lance's time only to fall in the quarter-finals or semi-finals.

Not since they beat Somerset in the Cheltenham and Gloucester Trophy 17 years ago have Yorkshire reached a Lord's final, and there is a strong desire in the camp to end that hoodoo.

Yorkshire will be boosted in the early stages of this year's tournament by the availability of England's Adil Rashid and David Willey for the first three matches, with the club facing Warwickshire at Edgbaston on Good Friday before hosting Lancashire at Headingley on Easter Sunday.

There is the potential for Willey's availability to be extended ahead of the international summer but England have not made Test captain Joe Root available.

"It's a bonus when we get the lads from England to play," said Ballance, who added that the

prospect of resuming his own international career is "not even in my mind".

He continued: "We've played some good cricket in the 50-over comp in the last few years, so, hopefully, we can get a few steps further and get to a Lord's final, which would be fantastic.

"We've definitely got the squad (to challenge), and a lot of players we can call upon, and we'll be going all out to make a good start.

"It would be great to play in the last year of the Lord's final, obviously. It's a shame that it's changing but it is what it is and, hopefully, it will be our year."

Tim Bresnan is in line to make his first appearance of the season today following a back injury suffered in pre-season.

Yorkshire's 13-man squad also includes pace bowler Mat Pillans and leg-spinner Josh Poysden,

but there is no place for batsman Jack Leaning, who is playing for the second XI in a two-day friendly against Lancashire at Scarborough.

Matthew Waite, the 23-year-old all-rounder who, along with Leaning, played in the Championship game at Hampshire that finished on Sunday, is rested, with Yorkshire planning to rotate their attack during a flurry of fixtures.

Yorkshire play eight group matches between today and May 6, with the competition being played up to and including the semi-final stage before their next Championship match at Kent on May 14. The One-Day Cup final takes place on May 25.

Yorkshire (from): Ballance, Bresnan, Brook, Coad, Kohler-Cadmore, Lyth, Olivier, Patterson (captain), Pillans, Poysden, Rashid, Tattersall, Willey.



TAKE THAT: Lionel Messi of Barcelona celebrates after scoring his team's first goal during last night's Champions League quarter-final second leg match against Manchester United at the Nou Camp, the hosts winning 3-0 on the night and 4-0 on aggregate.

PICTURE: MICHAEL REGAN/GETTY IMAGES.

‘Different class’ of Messi shines as Barcelona ensure United are unable to repeat Paris heroics

BARCELONA MANCHESTER UNITED
(AGG: 4-0) CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

DAVID CHARLESWORTH

LIONEL MESSI delivered another reminder of his enduring star quality as Barcelona quashed Manchester United's hopes of another improbable Champions League comeback at the Nou Camp.

United had overcome a two-goal deficit at Paris St Germain last month but Messi's first-half brace and a wonder strike from Philippe Coutinho ushered Barcelona towards a 3-0 victory, 4-0 on aggregate, at the ground of one of the Premier League side's greatest triumphs.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer was insistent that the 1999 Champions League final win over Bayern Munich would have no bearing on this quarter-final second leg and his remarks proved accurate.

While his side made an energetic start, with Marcus Rashford denied by the kick-off, Barcelona became more proactive and Messi took top billing.

The 31-year-old was largely subdued in Barcelona's 1-0 victory at Old Trafford last Wednesday and had his nose bloodied after being caught unintentionally by Chris Smalling's flailing arm.



OLE GUNNAR SOLSKJAE:
Admitted his Manchester United side were out-classed last night.

But he doubled Barcelona's advantage with a left-footed strike from the edge of the area that has so often become his hallmark, although his second strike arrived following a major blunder from United goalkeeper David De Gea.

There was nothing the United goalkeeper could do to stop Coutinho just after the hour mark, though, as Barcelona – after three last-eight exits in as many seasons – booked a semi-final showdown against either Liverpool or Porto.

For United, who were looking to reach the last four in this competition for the first time since 2011, their attentions now turn to the Premier League and a battle to finish in the top four.

Solskjaer felt Barca were "a couple of levels" above his side over the two legs of the tie.

"If you want the result you need a performance and we started well and created some decent chances but then he (Messi) hits it in the bottom corner and I've got to say, it's top quality. He was the difference," said Solskjaer.

"He is a different class, him and Cristiano (Ronaldo) are the best players of the past decade and tonight he (Messi) showed his quality. That's the quality we have to aspire to.

"If we want to get back to Manchester United's true tradition and level we have got to get to challenge the Barcelonas, and I've got to say they were a couple of levels above us in those 90 minutes and at Old Trafford."

Ajax stunned Juventus to reach the semi-finals with a 2-1 comeback win in Turin.

Cristiano Ronaldo gave Juventus the lead after 28 minutes with a record 126th goal in the competition, his ninth in seven meetings against Ajax.

But goals from Donny Van De Beek and Matthijs De Ligt gave Ajax a 3-2 aggregate success.

Ajax will meet Manchester City or Tottenham in their first Champions League semi-final for 22 years and many will consider them underdogs again.

But after eliminating Real Madrid, champions for the previous three seasons, and now Juventus, Erik Ten Hag's side should not be underestimated.

THE WEATHER

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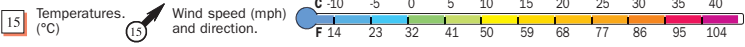
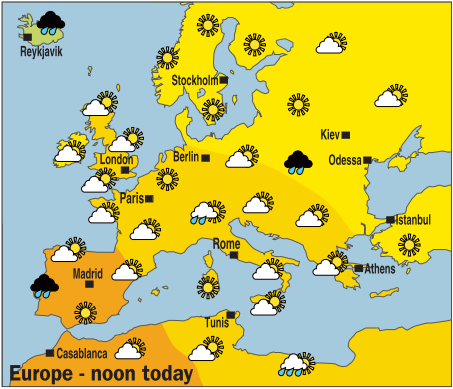
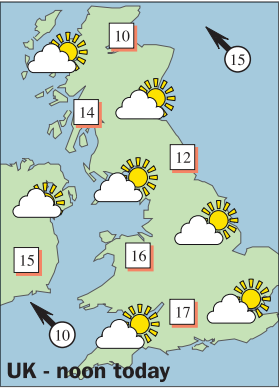
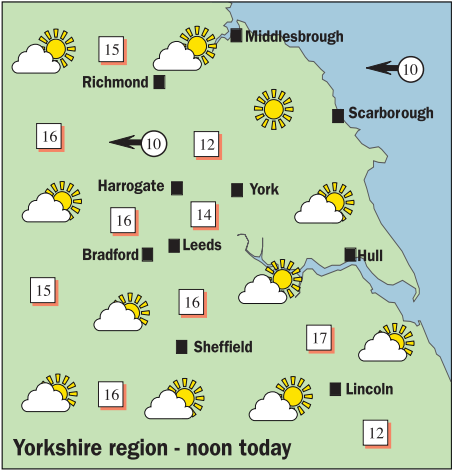
REGIONAL FORECAST

Today: It will be dry and sunny although more patchy cloud during the afternoon. Warm with only a gentle easterly wind. Max temp 14-17C (57-63F).
Tonight: A bright evening. Then mainly cloudy with patches of mist by dawn. Light winds. Min temp 3-6C (37-43F).

Barometric pressure forecast at 6pm today 1023mb

NATIONAL FORECAST

It will be dry with sunny spells for most, although a few light showers are possible for central and eastern England in the afternoon. There will be more cloud for Northern Ireland, Wales and southern England. Feeling mild.



REGIONAL OUTLOOK

Tomorrow A dry, warm day with sunny intervals.
Max 14-17C (57-63F)

Friday Warm and dry with sunny spells.
Max 17-20C (63-68F)

Saturday Warm and dry with variable cloud.
Max 19-22C (66-72F)

HIGH TIDES

	03:44	15:57
Bridlington	03:44	15:57
Fleetwood	10:16	22:46
Goole	06:38	18:44
Hull	05:23	17:31
Middlesbrough	02:47	15:01
Scarborough	03:22	15:33
Skogness	05:32	17:35
Whitby	03:08	15:22

SUN & MOON

Sun: rises 06:00, sets 20:09
Moon: rises 17:27, sets 05:48
Full Moon: April 19

AIR POLLUTION

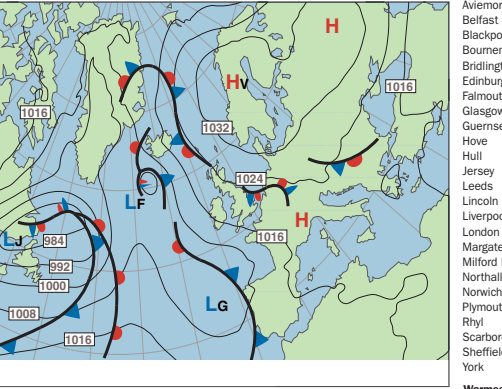
High concentrations of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) particles (PM₁₀) and ozone (O₃) may cause breathing difficulties and irritate eyes and throat. Asthma sufferers and people taking vigorous exercise are most at risk. All readings measured in mg/m³.

	NO ₂	PM ₁₀	O ₃
Very high	764	100	360
High	573-763	75-99	180-359
Moderate	287-572	50-74	100-179
Low	0-286	0-49	0-99

Yesterday's readings

	NO ₂	PM ₁₀	O ₃
Doncaster	21	17	n/a
Hull	37	25	81
Kirkcaldy	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leeds	37	27	81
London	100	54	29
North Yorks	8	n/a	96
Rotherham	30	n/a	82
Sheffield	42	47	81

n/a = not available; n/m = not measured.



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Coldest day: Balmoral (Aberdeenshire) 7C (45F)
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Wettest: Mumbles (Swansea) 0.59ins
Highest sunshine: Shoeburyness (Essex) 10.4hrs

WORLD WEATHERWATCH

Heavy hail showers

On 15th April, heavy showers developed across Greece and produced heavy hail showers. In Athens, Greece, the ground was covered in several centimetres of hail and ice, which caused temporary transport problems. The large amount of hail was caused by large updrafts from thunderstorms, which resulted from a large temperature contrast between the surface and mid-troposphere.

YESTERDAY'S STATISTICS

BRITAIN (Max to 1900)

	°C	°F	
Aviemore	11	52	Fair
Belfast	10	50	Drizzle
Blackpool	14	57	Fair
Bournemouth	14	57	Fair
Bridlington	10	50	Cloudy
Edinburgh	12	54	Fair
Falmouth	9	48	Fair
Glasgow	13	55	Fair
Guernsey	13	55	Fair
Hove	13	55	Sunny
Hull	10	50	Fair
Jersey	15	59	Fair
Leeds	12	54	Fair
Lincoln	12	54	Sunny
Liverpool	15	59	Fair
London	15	59	Sunny
Margate	10	50	Sunny
Milford Haven	10	50	Fair
Northallerton	12	54	Fair
Norwich	11	52	Fair
Plymouth	11	52	Fair
Rhy	13	55	Fair
Scarborough	10	50	Cloudy
Sheffield	13	55	Fair
York	12	54	Fair

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THE WORLD (noon local time)

	°C	°F	
Algiers	22	72	f
Amsterdam	14	57	s
Athens	15	59	f
Bangkok	36	97	f
Barbados*	27	81	dr
Barcelona	17	63	f
Beijing	23	73	c
Belgrade	15	59	s
Berlin	13	55	f
Blairat	15	59	s
Bordeaux	16	61	c
Brussels	16	61	s
B Aires*	18	64	sh
Cairo	24	75	f
Cape Town	19	66	s
Chicago*	8	46	s
Cologne	18	64	s
Copenhagen	9	48	s
Cyprus	20	68	sh
Dakar	23	73	f
Dublin	9	48	c
Faro	17	63	s
Geneva	12	54	f
Gibraltar	21	70	s
Harare	26	79	c
Hong Kong	21	70	th
Istanbul	13	55	f
J'burg	20	68	s
Las Palmas	21	70	s
Lisbon	18	64	s
L Angeles*	16	61	c

* Previous day
c - cloudy, dr - drizzle, f - fair, fg - fog, h - hail, m - mist, r - rain, sh - showers, sl - sleet, sn - snow, s - sunny, th - thunder.

ROADWORKS

A628 Flouch to Salters Brook:

The eastbound and westbound carriageway will have temporary traffic lights in place 24/7 traffic lights until the end of April for safety improvement work.

A63 Mytongate to South Coates:

There will be lane 2 closures on the eastbound carriageway from Mount Pleasant slip road to Mount Pleasant slip road to Myton Bridge from Monday 15 April for three nights. The eastbound and westbound carriageways will be in narrow lanes and a 30mph speed restriction in place 24/7 on Roger Millward Way until summer.

LIGHTING UP: Sidelights on at sunset, off at sunrise. Headlights on 30min after sunset, off 30min before sunrise. See SUN and MOON, above left.